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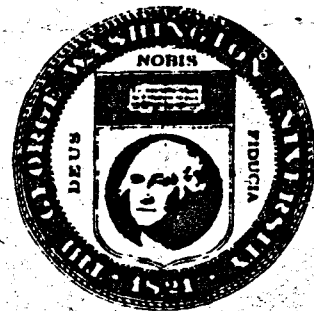
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## And Then There Were Four: Dean Search '88

by Kevin O'Hare

The work of the faculty and student dean search committees, begun in October of last year, concluded last week as four candidates for the position of Dean of the NLC were recommended to the faculty at a meeting on March 4, 1988.

The four finalists are Jack H. Friedenthal of Stanford University, Thomas D. Morgan of Emory University, and Barkley Clark and Theresa Schwartz, both current faculty members of the NLC.

The reports of the student and faculty committees were forwarded to the full faculty without preferred rankings for the candidates.

"All four were strongly supported by the Student and Faculty Dean Search Committees who interviewed those four and the others," said Faculty Dean Search Committee Chairman Professor Roger H. Trangsrud. Trangsrud also stressed that the NLC alumni "strongly endorsed" the choices of the dean search committees.

Prior to disclosure of the final

evaluations, two prospective candidates, John H. Jackson of the University of Michigan and Colin S. Diver of Boston University, removed their names from consideration. "Both indicated that they were impressed by our program and faculty, and withdrew for other reasons," Trangsrud revealed.

On March 11, 1988, the NLC faculty, based on the committee recommendations, voted on which candidate or candidates to forward to current GWU President Lloyd Elliott and President-designate Steven J. Trachtenberg for final approval. The confidential rankings will remain privileged information, but Trangsrud told *The Advocate* that he expected three or four names to go to Elliott and Trachtenberg.

Student members of the Dean Search Committee were invited to speak directly to the faculty before the vote to voice their support for the candidates as well. The decisions of Trachtenberg and Elliott will be announced at an indeterminate time before the end of this semester.

## Journal and Law Review Elect New Editors

by CeCe Ibson

The George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics has selected its editorial board for the 1988-89 term, according to outgoing Editor-in-Chief Craig Johnson.



Vicki Larson



Stuart Irvin

Serving on the board will be: Stuart Irvin (Editor-in-Chief), Randy Bynum (Executive Managing Editor), Mary Lynch (Executive Articles Editor), David Buchen (Executive Notes Editor), Bill Dauber and Valerie Gross (Managing Editors), Monique Perez, Sarah Taylor and Lois Yurow (Articles Editors), Bill

Edgar, Lillian Garcia, Mary Jester and George Pologeorgis (Notes Editors), Jennifer Landsman (Topics Editor) and Jodi Robinson (Book Review/Book Notes Editor).

Craig Johnson calls the past year both "extremely successful and fun" and is optimistic about the upcoming year. Johnson cited as highlights of the past year the Guide to International Research and the International Government Procurement Symposium issues, both of which are being used extensively. In addition to the two special issues, the Journal also published four regular issues. Johnson considers the recently passed diversity plan a "significant staff forward". The plan, which would allow for diversity in the areas of race, economic adversity, physical handicap and similar circumstances to be considered in addition to grades and writing ability when selecting members, is aimed at broadening the membership of the publication. The diversity plan will be used during the current selection

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## NLC Moot Court Teams Shine

by Paula Gutkin and Brian LaCorte

On March 5th and 6th, the NLC Jessup Moot Court team participated in the Regional Competition at Georgetown Law School. The NLC placed fourth, losing in the semifinals by a very narrow margin to the top seeded Georgetown team. Georgetown went on to win the competition and will represent the Mid-Atlantic region in the Jessup National Competition.

The NLC team competed against sixteen other teams. Law schools participating included: Penn, Richmond, UVA, Catholic, Delaware, Baltimore, Dickinson, American, Maryland, Rutgers, William and Mary, Howard, Seton Hall, Pittsburgh, Villanova and, of course, Georgetown.

This year's problem generated a lot of student interest and participation. The problem was very similar to the *Achille Lauro* incident. A group of terrorists/freedom-fighters seized control of a cruise ship in international waters. Over 300 people were taken hostage and three persons were killed.

The group demanded asylum in the country of Shangri, where the headquarters of the freedom-fighters are located. The country was used as a base from which the freedom-fighters conducted their fight for liberation, against the country of Midbari.

Shangri granted the freedom-fighters asylum, and later arrested them. Three of the terrorists were flown to the country Saq; however, the plane transporting them was diverted by the military forces of the

country of Yokum, who promptly seized the terrorists. One of Yokum's nationals was killed, and 200 people were taken hostage by this group of freedom fighters. The issues before the International Court of Justice dealt with extradition, state responsibility, plane diversion and asylum.

NLC Jessup team members included captain Paula Gutkin, Randy Bynum, Dan Duty, Nancy Johnson, and Jim Painter. Matt Dobson, a competitor last year in the Jessup Competition, coached the team. The five team members were selected from the in-house Jessup Competition held last semester. Since returning from winter vacation, the team has been busily preparing written memorials and practicing for the oral competition.

Several professors assisted in the team's preparation -- Professors Steinhardt, Wilmarth, Stout, Romero and Demas offered advice, comments, and constructive criticism to help prepare the team for effective oral advocacy.

Competition was fierce this year as demonstrated by the closeness of the scores of the top four teams. Georgetown, finished first, and therefore will represent the Mid-Atlantic region in the nationals and internationals. The Georgetown team tallied 1,250.5 points, compared with the NLC's 1,222.

The NLC's Dan Duty was chosen as one of the best oralists of the competition, in which he placed eighth. University of Pennsylvania boasted the best oralist, who received 38 points; Dan Duty received 35.8 points.

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## NLC Computer Failure: The Great Disk Crash

by Lisa Federici

The main frame of the NLC's computer system crashed on March 2, causing a certain amount of panic among users of the system, such as *Law Review* and *Journal*.

The NLC computer system operates on a Wang mainframe, which acts as the hard drive for computer terminals located in the *Law Review* and *Journal* suites, the admissions office, and the library. The hard drive disk weighs about forty-five pounds, and is a twelve inch high mass of steel. It is similar to a stereo record - while the grooves on a record indicate where certain songs begin and end, the "grooves" on the hard disk indicate where each file begins and ends.

The system failure was caused when the heads on the disk (which are analogous to the needle on a stereo) were missing the correct grooves and were placing themselves in the middle of files instead of at the beginning of them, as when the needle on a record player begins in the middle of a song. This resulted in a slow corruption of the system; but once the corruption reached a certain point, the onset of the destruction was rapid and culminated in the March 2 crash.

According to Clark Miller, who is in charge of the computer facilities at the NLC, when a problem of this magnitude occurs certain things occur prior to the big crash which act as "red flags" to indicate that there is a problem with the system. The problem that caused the recent

crash was difficult in that it originally manifest itself in subtle ways, which did not give Miller warning signs that a crash was imminent. For example, there were some printer problems just prior to the crash - but you generally do not associate printer problems with a slow corruption of disk heads.

Ironically, Miller had scheduled a thorough check-up of the system for Friday, March 4. This check-up might have detected the problem with the disk heads, thereby preventing a crash. Unfortunately, the system did not hold out, and crashed two days before the check-up.

There are two hard disks in the system. When one of them failed, Miller brought the system back up on the second hard disk and found that sixty-five files had been corrupted in some way, as a result of the crash. While sixty-five files is a considerable number, there are over six thousand total documents on the disks - considering the potential damage, the NLC was relatively lucky.

The hard disks are backed up approximately every weekday night, on magnetic tapes. Miller searched through the eighteen back-up tapes, and managed to recover forty-seven of the sixty-five corrupted files. Some of these files were not in their final edited form, but could be restored to that form with minimal difficulty.

There was a total loss of only three documents - belonging to *Law Review*, *Journal*, and the library. Both *Law Review* and *Journal* have suffered some set-

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## EDITORIALS

### Clean Scene

For those of you who haven't noticed, the NLC looks nicer these days. This can be wholly attributed to positive student response to the new SBA campaign to clean up the student lounges. Not so long ago, after 5:00 p.m. all student R & R areas, particularly on the third floor, were hazards. But no more. People seem to be minding the gently worded signs taped to all tables.

We hope that more projects by the Arden administration work so well. The social events presented so far this semester have been outstanding. And now, clean lounges are at hand. Such administrative capability could be equally applied to the more serious issues facing NLC students such as addressing the likely changes under the pending new law school and university administrations, helping in the loan forgiveness fight, and delivering an honor code to the NLC.

But, until such time as those events materialize, we appreciate the first steps of the new administration. On our part, we urge everyone reading this paper to throw it in the proper receptacle when done.

### Spring Fever

It cannot be denied: There is an air of excitement, a buzz in the halls, a veritable fever of happiness here at the NLC. Sure, the long overdue vacation may have something to do with this outbreak of grins, though we suspect there is more to it than just the jaunts to Florida or Mom.

The plastered smiles may be due to the budding of Spring with its promise of a Summer vacation [with summer associate salaries, perhaps] soon to follow. As the groundhogs leave their ditches, we, too, come alive. So let's enjoy the marvels of a Washington Spring while we can.

Let's enjoy each other's company while we can. Soon one-third of us will be off to fight legal battles in other battlefields on other fronts. Not to mention that little battle called the bar exam.

Let's enjoy the excitement surrounding the appointment of a new Dean. Will the school chose a person as warm and worthy of our respect and admiration as our present Dean? It is a speculation filled with hope.

Yes, we said "let's enjoy while we can." Truth to tell, soon we will all become hermits again, crawling back to our holes to do outlines and endeavor to decipher notes taken long ago.

But that is still tomorrow. Let's enjoy today.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Animal Rights

To the Editor:

Who cares about "dead animals in grotesque positions" (Who Knows and Who Cares? by Dave Koman, *The Advocate*, 2/29/88)? I know, Dave. A whole lot of people, including me. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, anti-vivisection groups and concerned individuals like myself make a conscious effort to respect the value of life, both human and animal. I do not eat meat because my survival need not depend on the senseless slaughter of living creatures. I do not purchase fur or leather goods, because I can clothe, shoe and outfit myself in natural and man-made products, manufactured without sacrifice of life. When purchasing cosmetics and toiletries, I patronize only those manufacturers whose research and development was conducted without the needless torture and sacrifice of animals.

Although the animal rights debate has raged, albeit silently, for many years, it has, in recent years, moved into the realm of national and international significance and importance, and rightly so. Proponents of scientific research and testing using animals as subjects argue that modern medicine cannot advance without the senseless torture and, indeed, murder of hundreds of thousands of these helpless creatures. Yet many scientists, those truly committed to the value and quality of life, have channeled their talents into research and production of humane, synthetic alternatives to animal testing.

You should be offended by the posters in our halls, as should we all. The refusal of people to recognize the value of animal life is evidentiary of the attitude of a great majority of our society, that the individual reigns supreme without responsibility or obligation to the preservation of life, liberty or peace.

Sincerely,  
CeCe Ibson  
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### Social Professors

To The Editor:

There have been many suggestions put forward about how to improve the NLC. Professor Cheh and Professor Schecter deserve many thanks from the student body. How many times have you heard another student say, "I wish the faculty were more accessible or I am too intimidated to go see the professor?" We have heard it all too many times.

Saturday night, after the Law Revue show, there was a party at the Marvin Center. We were very surprised, pleasantly surprised, to see Professors Cheh and Schecter there. They were mingling with students, dancing, and having a good time. While we are not suggesting that law school professors' attendance at student parties will alleviate all of the pressures of a large school's environment, we are suggesting a greater effort by both faculty and students to break down the barriers separating them.

Professors, you must realize that students, especially first years, are intimidated by you. By making a conscious effort to encourage your students to speak with you, the obstacles created by the large school atmosphere can be overcome. A better rapport between students and faculty could only positively effect the NLC by creating a more congenial and stimulating environment in which to learn.

We thank you, Professor Cheh. Thank you, Professor Schecter. Your efforts are appreciated and should be commended.

Paula Gutkin  
Ken Merber  
Second Year Students

**Next Issue is the Last Issue  
of the Year**

**Submit now or forever hold  
your peace.**

## Advocate Appoints New Editorial Board

The Advocate has announced its new Editorial Board for Volume 20. Current Board members David Koman, Peter Most and Sally Weinbrom will be continuing on the Board. Joining them are Rob Hirsch, Lisa Federici, Kevin O'Hare, and David Sharpe. Most and Weinbrom will assume the positions of Co-Editors-in Chief.

Former editors Elizabeth MacGregor and CeCe Ibson will remain editors emeritus. Bill Koch will continue as the advertising editor until the end of Spring Semester. Finally, Scott Ives and Hugh Kaplan have been deemed Humor editors. Both look forward to finishing the year in rib-tickling fashion. The new board will replace

outgoing Editorial Board Members Elizabeth MacGregor and CeCelia Ibson.

"We put a lot of time and thought into the decision as to who we wanted to succeed us. I know we are leaving *The Advocate* in good hands," said MacGregor.

Special thanks go out from all *The Advocate* staff, past and present, to Ken Brothers, former Student Technical Advisor. Ken has admirably administered the quirks of *The Advocate* computer system for the past two years. He will be sorely missed and can expect many phone calls to Colorado in exchange for NLC donuts sent parcel post.

The new Board will take office immediately.



# Say No To Drugs -- The Lie

by Rob Hirsh

You would have to be deaf, dumb, and blind in order to remain unscathed by the blitzkrieg of virulent anti-drug messages, speeches, campaigns, and programs whose saturation bombing has only intensified with the new year. Every conceivable public figure, from the artistic to the political, has jumped on this bandwagon of social mores. Newspapers, magazines, radio, and television are all inundated with strongly worded condemnation of drug use.

Drugs are seen as a cancer eating away at the fabric of society, crippling our youth and enslaving adults until the collapse of the nation becomes an inevitable result. Our Commander-in-Chief has declared a war on drugs and the analogy is most fitting. It is a war; another Vietnam and packed with every bit as much falsehood and hypocrisy.

## OPINION

Let me be clear in what I say now. I do not advocate the use of drugs, but neither can I disparage their use. I am not about to descend into the moral quagmire concerning drug use. Whether drug use is immoral or not is no concern of mine here. What I wish to address are certain aspects of the drug phenomenon and certain remedies which are currently being offered to the American people. Then I will offer what over ten years of experience and consideration of this subject presents itself as the only realistic and practicable solution.

I call the "just say no" slogan a lie and not without good reason. This simplistic catch phrase belies an appalling lack of substance. It clearly implies a moralistic base to be applied equally to all without rational or justification for this particular point of view. It is sheer idiocy to suggest that if everyone just said no to drugs we would have no drug problem. This outrageous oversimplification glosses over the fundamental dilemmas at the root of drug use and abuse. It wants to wish the problem away without ever having to understand and then deal with a single one of the "whys" of drug use. So too, it offers us absolutely nothing to fill the void that obviously drugs are filling for some in our society. It is a terrible lie.

Why do people use illegal drugs? Most answers to this question are quite familiar. In my younger days it was peer pressure that seemed to cause a good deal of drug use. This answer, of course, never sought to address individual's need for social acceptance nor did it speak to why a significant counter-cultural movement centered around drug use in the first place. Another reason often bandied about and taken much more seriously was the idea that drugs offered an individual an opportunity to escape from reality and the pressures and responsibilities life presents.

This reason, however, suffers from the flaw that it never speaks to why it is that reality to many is something to escape from. It simply states that reality is not such and one who

seeks relief and escape is therefore weak and/or deficient in some way. The usual result here was that self-esteem already near nonexistent due to the environment about the individual were destroyed completely and then rebuilt into the image considered desirable by parents and doctors.

So instead of addressing why reality is for some so unbearable and correcting and improving one's environment and social structure, the flaws were seen in the individual himself and appropriate corrections made. A much easier solution which also serves to preserve the status quo for those who find little problem with our society or are particularly adept at operating within it even if they do not care for it all that much.

Yet I would suggest another, equally viable reason all too often ignored. It is altogether possible, indeed likely, that many people indulge in drug usage for a reason that has little to do with peer-pressures, escapism, and other causes which find a defect of mind or character in the individual. A reason in the face of which just saying no is an indefensible absurdity. A most frightening reason.

Could it be that many people use drugs because they are fun? That use of a drug could result not in death, addiction, and tragedy but merely in a pleasurable experience? It does not defy logic to state that there is a likelihood that a majority of drug users never become hooked or commit violent acts or destroy themselves and their families. A strong possibility exists that one can use drugs and still remain a well-adjusted, happy, healthy contributing member of society. The notion just does not jibe well with the idea that drugs are inherently evil in themselves.

Which brings us to our next area of inquiry: the solutions currently being offered through the popular media and their implications for society. There is an overwhelming consensus that drugs must be stopped from entering our nation at its borders like so many Communist invaders. Contra-like insurgency should be employed to nip drug sources in the bud. These measures, when coupled with stepped-up domestic police enforcement of ever-tougher anti-drug laws would insure for all a drug free America. This, too, is a deceptive falsehood.

Aside from the fact that this remedy has been continuously employed for many years without any significant result, it also fails to cope with the reasons drugs are used in the first place. The premise is simply that if there are no drugs to take, there will be no one taking drugs. Unfortunately this does not work. Effective interdiction at the border is an impossibility. Our borders are plainly too extensive to be completely under surveillance. When interdiction is increased in Florida, the Gulf states become a new port of entry. We just cannot cover the turf.

Actions against the sources of drugs pose even greater problems. Secretary of Education William Bennett's recent proposal is not only unrealistic, it is on its face clearly in violation of international law. Bennett recommends using the United States Armed Forces in conjunction with the forces of Central and South American source countries in

order to wipe out the origins and base of the drug industry. Moreover, he suggests that recalcitrant nations be subjected nevertheless to unilateral military action on our part to eradicate drug sources within their borders.

Such behavior on our part is nothing short of strong-arm subjugation of weaker nations that would even have made Theodore Roosevelt blush. It completely ignores concepts of national sovereignty which are at the core of the international order.

As well, such a use of our own armed forces may well violate the Constitution. What's more, the armed forces are not trained to eradicate plants. Pentagon reception to Bennett's ideas has been cool at best. The generals realize that many young soldiers would have to die in this effort. It is one thing to have to inform Mr. and Mrs. America that their son has fallen on the field of battle defending his nation, quite another to say he has fallen in a field of coca plants implementing a particular administration's "domestic policy".

However, Bennett is surely correct in his anticipation of some nations' balking at the prospect of U.S. troops on their soil. Supplying the Bolivians with American army helicopters and pilots to fly them did little to halt their cocaine traffickers. The argument is made that the reason for the lack of success in Bolivia and for the uncooperative attitudes of other nations is that their governments are infested with the influence of the drug kingpins.

Indeed, the recent allegations against General Noriega of Panama seem to indicate that several Latin American leaders are themselves deeply involved in the drug trade (such as Castro). Violent lawlessness at the hands of its drug cartel plagues Colombia. Yet, are these situations truly so novel and threatening? Drugs, among other things, are a commodity of value, a cash crop. The countries of South and Central America, which have seen many a government come and go over the past century, have often seen them rise and fall with the fortunes of trade in commodities such as coffee and bananas. And they are no strangers to violent revolutionary groups, regardless of their political or economic motives.

These nations are also quick to point out and rightly so, the hypocrisy of the North American stance. They are not about to be called lawless and incapable of dealing with the problem. Not when all the demand comes from and all the product goes to the United States. It is our thirst for these commodities in the first place which has created the market those nations fill. In doing so, many of their poor make far more money than they would raising other, "legal" crops. This is not to say that the drug trade fosters humanitarian concerns, but rather that it does provide basic necessities for some who would otherwise go hungry.

One remedy exists, however, which is rarely discussed and if it is, it gets summarily dismissed. Like the other remedies already discussed, it does not go to the heart of the drug problem. It does not go into the "whys" of drug use and abuse. But neither does it promote hypocrisy.

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# Potty Parity

by Prof. John F. Banzhaf III  
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... to explore new legal frontiers, to go boldly where no man has gone before...

For more than 20 years we have recognized that, with respect to race, it is unconstitutional to have restrooms which are separate but equal. On the other hand, with regard to the two sexes, the universal norm is restrooms which were separate and equal. But, in this context, what does "equal" mean?

Can women truly be said to be liberated when they often must stand on interminable lines at the theater, concerts, some restaurants, and in other public places to perform a necessary and often compelling biological function which men usually accomplish with virtually no wait? Does this problem, which certainly can be corrected by adding additional facilities, amount to unfair discrimination?

This new frontier in feminism, although not totally unprecedented, does raise interesting issues of whether "Equal Protection" requires equal space, equal access, equal facilities, equal opportunity, or equality of results?; how much of the problem is caused by nature, and how much by nurture?; and whether requests for legal relief from gender-based problems may sometimes seem to go too far.

The precise issue -- whether women are treated unfairly when restrooms for men and women are equal in size but result in widely disparate waiting times -- has been raised, perhaps for the first time, in the "RESTROOM EQUITY BILL" introduced by Del. John Rollison (R-Woodbridge) in the Virginia House. It is a very modest proposal, introduced at the request of his wife and a female legislative aide, which calls for hearings on the issue around the state, and possible eventual amendment of the International Plumbing Code.

**Pay toilet precedent**  
The issue of sex or gender discrimination arising out of the restroom facilities used for urination is not unprecedented. It was raised a number of years ago when many buildings began substituting pay toilets for toilet facilities which had previously been free.

Women pointed out, quite logically, the basic unfairness and discriminatory effect of such policies, even when all toilets in both men's and women's restroom required a coin for admission. Because women can only use toilets and not urinals, it was argued, they would have to pay more often, and there was a fundamental unfairness in not requiring men to pay for each use of a urinal.

But, promoters of pay toilets argued, there was virtually no way to make a workable pay urinal. Even if there were, or if urinals were replaced by pay toilets, men would certainly be tempted to take out their hostility by acting out the expression "piss on it"; a most unladylike response. As a result, statutes were passed in many places prohibiting pay toilets. **Equal What?**

The new problem arises in part from the custom -- often dictated by building-design considerations -- of making men's and women's restrooms of equal

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# Commencement Speaker Announced

by David Staber

The end of Spring Break traditionally brings about two responses from third-year law students: spring fever and anticipation of graduation. The Commencement Committee of the SBA is proud to announce important events relating to both of these areas.

This year's commencement speaker will be Congressman Morris K. Udall. Congressman Udall's self-deprecating wit is well-known on Capitol Hill, where he represents Arizona's Second Congressional District and serves as Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Considered by his colleagues as one of the leading statesmen in Washington, the Congressman has been a driving force in the areas of the nation's land and energy resources, environmental issues, and campaign finance reform.

In addition to his twenty-seven years in Congress, his illustrious career has included many widely-varied occupations such as: professional basketball player for the Denver Nuggets, Evidence Professor at the University of Arizona School of Law and Democratic Presidential candidate in 1976. He has also authored several books including *Arizona Law of Evidence*, *Education of a Congressman* and *The Job of the Congressman*. His latest book, *Too Funny to Be President*, has just been published. It is a lifelong collection of humorous political stories and one of the hottest books in the Washington area.

Commencement will be held Sunday, May 22, 1988, at 1:30 p.m., but the fun of finally graduating begins long before

that date. As those who attended the 88 Days 'til Graduation Party will tell you, the celebrating has already begun. When Spring Break ends the serious festivities take off. Tickets will immediately go on sale for the big Senior Night Out feast. Senior Night Out will be held on March 27th at the Pier 7 Restaurant on the waterfront in the District. Tickets are \$23.75 for all-you-can-eat fried chicken, Chesapeake Bay crabs and all of the trimmings. Anyone leaving the Washington area without trying this local specialty cannot say they have experienced the best that the area has to offer.

After a couple of weeks of dieting and recovering, the Alumni Association will sponsor its traditional Alumni Party at the National Lawyers' Club on April 9th. This event provides the graduating students with the opportunity to meet many of the NLC's graduates and to be welcomed into the legal community.

The highlight of this series of celebrations is the reception held on Capitol Hill on May 21st for the graduates, their relatives and friends. This reception is the most extravagant of all of the affairs and is often the most praised event of graduation weekend. In order to fund these celebrations, the Commencement Committee will be selling limited edition, designer coffee mugs during the week of March 21st through 25th. These beautiful mugs are perfect for the office, library or professor's podium, and at only \$5.50 each, every caffeine-addicted law student can afford a set for home and office. Careful comparison shopping will show that the mugs at the GWU bookstore are far more expensive.

## Law School Applications Up Here, There and Everywhere

by Sally Weinbrom

In keeping with the reported nationwide escalation in law school applications, Dean Robert Stanek confirmed that the NLC has received 25 to 30 percent more applications this year than last. As of March 11, the school had received approximately 6,100 applications in comparison to the 5,010 received at the same time last year. The first year class is anticipated to include 400 students.

The NLC's increased volume is not unique. Dean Stanek said that nation-wide, applications were up by 10 percent and in certain legal markets, such as the Northeast corridor, applications had increased by as much as 30 percent.

Stanek also stated that it is unclear whether the greater volume will affect either the size of next year's first year class or the quality of students attending GW. The "yield" in any year is the number of students from those accepted who actually chose to attend. If yield increases, and more students select the NLC, than the admissions committee will be more stringent in tendering later acceptances. If, however, yield decreases, the prospective class's quality, at least on paper, will probably remain constant. Stanek cautioned that a lower percentage of students selecting GW is not reflective of the caliber of

education here, but the result of the greater selection prospective candidates ensure themselves through applying to more schools. In other words, while several years ago, students may have applied to six schools, received acceptances from four and narrowed their choices from there, this year many students are applying to 10-15 schools, increasing their acceptances and hence their selection. The high cost of applications including \$160.00 LSAT fees and an average of \$30.00 filing fees or more per application seem not to deter these prospective J.D.'s an iota.

Stanek said that from deposits already received, the yield will be about the same this year.

Regardless of yield figures, Stanek reports that the admission committee has tightened its standards to make the large volume of application review more manageable. The committee is still relying primarily on a student's undergraduate record, LSAT scores and personal statement; but, more applications are receiving less consideration right off the top.

Stanek also reports that he anticipates appropriately sized classes next year. The current second and third year classes are larger than usual because more students accepted GW offers than anticipated. 1989 looks like business as usual at the NLC.

## Planning for Your Future with Academic Advising

by Peter Most

While the first year of law school may seem like three, there are actually two more years to go until you, the first year law student, reach J.D.hood -- which means two more years of classes. To assist you in picking classes for the next two years from the myriad of courses offered here at the NLC, Dean Valdez has devised the Academic Advising Program.

The Academic Advising Program, scheduled to begin before actual course registration later this spring, intends to inform students of the existence of courses required for graduation, as well as courses that should be taken for practice in specialized disciplines of the law.

Dean Valdez will present to first year students a required lecture on courses which must be taken to fulfill the NLC's J.D. degree requirements. Dean Valdez will also explain the registration process in detail at the lectures. The lectures have not as yet been scheduled.

Beyond the required lecture on degree requirements are two lectures which are not, but perhaps should be, required. One lecture focuses on "the argument for a generalist program," which expresses the notion that students should choose courses from a wide-array of legal areas. Professor Pock will then present a lecture on "Course Selection

and the Bar Exam." Professor Pock will list which courses he believes will enhance a student's ability to pass the bar.

The Academic Advising Program also presents lectures on specialized fields of the law. These lectures, presented by world-renown legal scholars, intend to inform students on both the specialized area of law, as well as which courses should be taken to become conversant in these fields.

The specialized instruction programs are comprehensive in their coverage of the law. Areas of law to be discussed include: communication law; litigation; patent law; securities regulation; constitutional law; law librarianship; health law; environmental law; family law; banking law; criminal law; joint degree programs; land use/real estate; government contracts; administrative law; corporate law; tax; general practice; estate planning; and property; antitrust/trade regulation/trademark/copyright; labor law; international law; and commercial law/bankruptcy.

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# Equal Justice at GW

by Lou Manuta

Before they all left for Spring Break, the leaders of the Loan Forgiveness Task Force were planning on meeting with the administration to move the proposal to the next step. Due to the magnificent job of canvassing the school in recent weeks, Loan Forgiveness has become one of the hottest topics at the NLC. An unscientific poll of both faculty and students indicates there is much support for the cause. Let's hope this wave of enthusiasm reaches into the annals of the University's administration.

All day Saturday, March 5th, the NLC hosted the Colloquium of Washington Area Law Schools for their Public Interest Interview Day. Our own EJF was represented all day to assist the visitors to the school and to spread the word about EJF. Not unexpectedly, many of the over fifty organizations interviewing fell past their appointed times, but otherwise the day was a complete success. EJF prides itself on being able to assist the school in such functions and be able to make our neighbor schools aware of the public interest awareness at GW.

Tuesday, March 3rd was the day that Sam Delgado of the Public Defender Service spoke at a Brown Bag Lunch. To a large crowd, he spoke enthusiastically of what he does and how students can get involved. There will be additional Brown Bag Lunches after Break.

Remember that April 1st is the deadline to apply for an EJF Summer Grant. Voting will take place all that week for the student body to choose which needy organizations should

receive the grants to pay a GW student to work for them for the summer. Those who vote are expected to make a pledge to support this worthwhile program.

As a continuing series of comments by last summer's recipients, here are some remarks by Ira Kaye, who worked at AYUDA: "Through the Equal Justice Foundation's summer grants program, students were able to work in the public interest this summer. One such grant supported an internship at AYUDA."

"AYUDA is a non-profit organization which serves the D.C. hispanic community. AYUDA attorneys and interns practice primarily family law, landlord-tenant law, and immigration-naturalization law. Interns take primary responsibility for their clients' cases from intake through resolution."

"Although most of AYUDA's clients speak only Spanish, many are bilingual. Therefore, an AYUDA internship is an excellent experience for bilingual or Spanish-speaking students as well as for exclusively English-speaking law students. AYUDA interns attend various law schools both inside and outside the D.C. Metropolitan area. This creates an opportunity to work with students from diverse backgrounds."

"NLC students interested in working for the public interest have a unique opportunity to be funded by the Equal Justice Foundation Summer Grant Program. Thanks to all those NLC students who pledged a day of their pay this summer, four interns were able to acquire legal experience while benefitting the community."

# Amnesty for Human Rights

By Jon Katz

This month marks the first anniversary of the NLC Amnesty International Legal Support Group, which works impartially for the release of all prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and an end to torture and executions worldwide.

## Romanian Lawyer Released

Amnesty regularly runs an information table in the law school's first-floor lounge to inform the NLC community of current human rights violations and to seek signatures on human rights petitions and letters. One recent petition in January sought the release of Romanian lawyer Nelu Prodan, who was imprisoned on December 12, 1987, on reported charges of taking bribes, although Amnesty suspects he was actually detained for representing observant Christians and local churches in court.

Amnesty learned this month that the authorities released Mr. Prodan on December 24, 1987, a few weeks before the petition campaign began. Amnesty occasionally cannot discover whether a prisoner of conscience has been released until a campaign for the prisoner's release has begun, because governments often refuse to acknowledge arrests and subsequent releases. However, organized letter-writing campaigns often convince governments to make such acknowledgements.

Another attorney highlighted in a recent Amnesty campaign at

the NLC, Tshisekedi Wa Mufumba of Zaire, continues to be detained in connection with his efforts with other Zairians during the past six years to form a second political party in this one-party state. Tshisekedi Wa Mufumba was imprisoned on January 17, 1988, in Kinshasa as he was about to address a gathering at Pont Kasa Vubu. The Zairian authorities are apparently keeping Tshisekedi Wa Mufumba in prison on the ground that his recent political behavior suggests he may be suffering from mental illness. In connection to that ground, the authorities have reportedly subjected Tshisekedi Wa Mufumba to psychiatric treatment.

Closer to the Mid-Atlantic region, Amnesty continues its efforts to prevent the execution in Virginia of Earl Clanton, black, aged 33, who was convicted of murder in a November 1986 robbery. Mr. Clanton's execution date was recently moved from March 17, 1988, to April 14, 1988, to avoid having an execution on St. Patrick's Day.

## Steinhardt Speaks

Amnesty presented a lecture on March 9 by international law Professor Ralph Steinhardt on humanitarian law and on the work of Amnesty International. Professor Steinhardt is on the National Steering Committee of the Amnesty International Legal Support Network. The Legal Support Network appears as *amicus curiae* in several American

# From the SBA Home Office

by Wayne Arden

From the home office of the SBA, I would like to comment on what we are working on and what we hope to do in the near future. For those students who voted for me because of their belief in my ability to throw parties, I hope that they have not been disappointed.

With the very able planning ability of David Buchen (Julie McCoy of the Love Boat couldn't do it any better) the Law Revue Party was a smashing success. We went through a total of 16 kegs and five gallons of wine. How many people woke up the following morning before noon? I would bet that even the most hard core neurotic first years slept in. Furthermore, the Law Revue Show was excellent and I know many people are already looking forward to next year's show.

There are other social activities that we have organized and I expect to see all the NLC students and faculty at at least one of these. The Tuesday before Spring Break we held our first keg on the quad of the new year. It went extremely well as many students found a way to spend another afternoon avoiding studying. Be on the lookout for another keg on the quad on the first nice day of this week.

We also held Bar Review VII at the Bottom Line two weeks ago and we are already planning Bar Review VIII and IX. Lastly, the End of the Year Party is being planned. It is held the last day of finals and is generally at an area hotel. This is the social

event of the year!

There are other more serious things that we are currently working on. For those 2nd year women who were in section 14 last year and considered this a priority, I have met with Dean Potts about putting tampon dispensers in the women's bathrooms. There is a good chance that they will be in soon.

Pre Orientation is occurring this weekend for prospective 1st years. Ari Brose is the chair and she has been doing an excellent job. I hope that many students (at least those of you who like this place) can either stop by the cocktail reception on Friday night at 5:00 in the 1st floor lounge, or be around on Saturday to chat with these prospective students. We are also working on a co-ed softball tournament to be held April 8th. For those interested, please keep your eyes open for signs.

I would like to leave those of you who have endured this diatribe with a top 10 list of things to do over Spring Break.

10. Study for MPRE.
9. Do Nothing.
8. Attempt to catch up for the six weeks you are behind.
7. Drink green beer in honor of St. Patrick's Day.
6. Find a real city that has authentic sea food. [Ed. note: Our SBA president comes to us by way of Miami so he should know.]
5. Sleep on the beach.
4. Throw darts at pictures of your professors.
3. Buy books.
2. Burn Law Review/Journal

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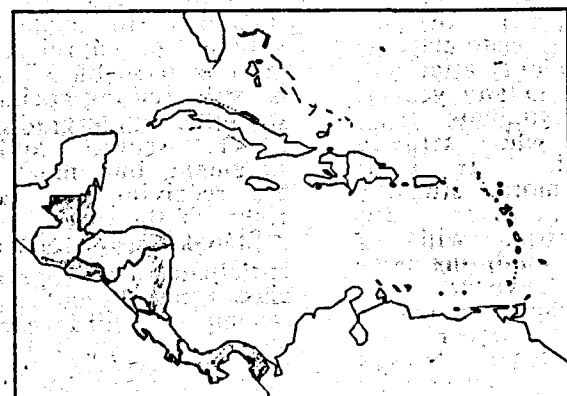
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# Job Searching: Is There Life After Law School?

by Sally Weinbrom

As the weather grows warmer the hearts of some law students grow colder contemplating potential unemployment as the summer draws nearer. The scuttlebutt figure of unemployed third years is somewhere between twenty-five and thirty-three percent. The figure is rumored lower for second years and higher for first years.

But, no hard statistics are available to certify the level of student unemployment. Suzanne Alexander in the Career Development Office (CDO) says that her office can't provide official statistics until student surveys are returned to the CDO. As to the scuttlebutt, Ms. Alexander claims her "ear" isn't accurate because the only students she sees are the ones that don't have jobs implying to her that a very large percentage of students in all classes are unemployed at this time.

A recent *Advocate* survey shed no more light on the subject. The survey was distributed between February 17 and February 29. Sixty-seven students responded. Of those 67, 81 percent had jobs in the legal field. First year students comprised a majority of unemployed law students since 36 percent of first year respondents were still looking for work, while only 13 percent of responding second years and 12.5 percent of responding third and fourth year students did not yet have jobs.

However, the survey results are not truly reflective of the employment picture since there was no scientific sample. The surveys were set out in student lounges. Also, it is more likely that persons with jobs would respond to such a survey.

Nevertheless, the comments respondents offered about their job search reflected many of the sentiments heard in the air at the NLC. First, most respondents expressed frustration with the job search process, including the CDO's interviewing programs. Second, many students stated that persistence is key. Finally, many offered personal tips.

By far, the most common sentiment was frustration against the job search. One respondent said, "I feel job searching is really ridiculous in that one spends thousands of dollars to attend law school to free up one's time to learn and then he or she spends a substantial amount of their time not studying but looking for a job."

Another student commented, "By far the most discouraging, unsatisfying, stressful, unhappy experience of my professional life. Realistically, an impractical and unnecessary miserable experience." Other respondents were less verbal. One student wrote, "I'm so sick of this."

A sub-theme underlying student frustration was comments in derogation or support of the CDO. One student wrote, "The CDO sucks! It is ridiculous that a top 20 percent student did not get one interview through the CDO interview program." As of late February, that person was still looking.

Another student, also still looking for a job was more charitable. "The CDO offers a wide variety but I find the process unappealing, the interviews boring, etc. I have more success going through the job books and doing my own search. I have an unusual background that also isn't easy for me to

find a job in a typical large firm."

Even those with jobs who had a wide variety of offers to choose from had harsh words for the CDO. One *Law Review* member wrote, "My search as a 2L has been almost too easy--but then, I have the credentials most of the Fall employers are looking for: top 5% and *Law Review*. I do think more opportunities should be open in the Fall for students who don't have the paper credentials coveted by the large firms."

A *Journal* member concurred. "Fortunately for myself I am on a publication and in the top 10% so I really had no problems getting interviews (1st and 2nd) or a job offer. Although, the entire process was time consuming. However, I honestly believe that the on-campus interview program is geared primarily for students who are similarly situated."

"I feel that the CDO would do well to explore alternate methods of helping the majority of students obtain a legal position. Firstly, the on-campus program is not geared to the majority of students because the firms are not looking for these individuals, as many of the interviewers expressed to me."

"Secondly, the majority of students are subsidizing the advancement of the minority. As all of us pay equally, I honestly believe that the CDO and the NLC as a whole has an obligation to provide a more equitable form of benefit spreading."

Not everyone was universally displeased with the CDO. One third year student wrote, "This year I was fortunate enough to get a job through the CDO interview program. I believe it was easier because I decided to specialize in Government Contracts during my second year."

Nevertheless, the feelings of the majority were expressed by one student. "CDO tends to be of the most assistance to those who (in my opinion) need it the least. To improve our program for second years, I suggest that CDO make the program more RANDOM -- to give those non-5%, non-publication types a better chance."

Many students responding, particularly first years did not even avail themselves of CDO services. One second year night student commented that after doing an internship for credit the summer after first year, the student got a job second year summer through a contact and would otherwise be unemployed and panic struck.

Other students attributed their job success to being in the right place at the right time. One 1L wrote, "I didn't really 'search' for a job. I've spent my undergraduate summers at a N.J. firm and they offered me a clerkship this summer."

Others made their contacts a little more unusually. "My brother's lover is a senior partner in a D.C. firm," one student said. "He set me up with an interview with a friend of his in another D.C. firm. I got a summer associate position with that firm."

While the contacts method was preferred, mass mailings were universally panned. Statistics such as six positive responses to 180-200 mailed letters were common.

All students did not have messages of doom and gloom. One third year, still unemployed commented, "I think my prospects

are improving because now most of the heavy hitters have jobs."

Another student, a 2L, added these observations.

"I was surprised that I received an offer from the firm, because my grades are not exceptional (bottom half). However, the blind lists helped me get the interview and the interview itself was surprisingly informal and comfortable. Although the firm is one of the 50 largest in the Los Angeles area, they were as friendly and approachable as many of the smaller firms I've interviewed with."

"Keep up the good work, encourage students to drop everywhere they have an interest in practicing and not to get discouraged by firms who only want the top 10 percent. There are plenty who want law students who have other attributes which can be just as beneficial to their firm, as I can attribute."

"Self confidence and a good attitude can work wonders in an interview," the student added.

To some, job searching was less an attitude than a strategy. Many students affirmed the long held myth that Washington and New York are tough legal markets.

"Very bad luck in D.C., but lots of success in other cities. Re: large firms)," one student wrote.

Another student added that it was "much easier this year to get a job -- especially if you apply to your hometown firms. Washington was very difficult (even with good grades) to get the first interviews. The hometown connection is key. GW has a good national reputation and out-of-town firms are happy to get the diversity."

The downside, of course, to the hometown theory is that those same firms in other cities may be geared toward graduates from law schools in their areas. One student said of the job search, "I learned that firms are very regional. Couldn't even get an offer in my home state from Boston firms."

Another student added, "I want to work in New York [City]. I should have gone to a New York law school. That was a big mistake. I give that advice to my friends and tell others to go to GW."

Despite the inherent frustration of job searching on the East Coast, a healthy percentage of 2L's (36%) confined their efforts to D.C./N.Y. Fifty percent of responding 3L's similarly limited their search.

It may be that this limitation caused much of the job search '88 frustration. On the other hand, according to Ms. Alexander, changes in the legal market across the boards have resulted in higher student unemployment. She attributes the more conservative financial market after the October stock market crash as a factor in some associate and summer associate program reevaluation at area firms.

"Firms are being more selective with who they hire," she says. They can't risk taking a chance on someone. As an example of the new attitude she pointed to changes in hiring practices at local big firms. A firm such as Hogan and Hartson which last year had twenty slots made forty offers. This year, she says, they are projected to be making only thirty offers for the same twenty job slots. Candidates selected are therefore the most competitive.

This does not mean that GW

# Loan Forgiveness Committee Formed

An ad hoc committee has been established to consider the feasibility of a loan forgiveness program at the NLC according to Dave Wolf, Loan Forgiveness Task Force Coordinator.

The formation of such a committee is the standard first step in implementing any policy. It will also serve as a transitional tool between the old and new administration as well as Spring semester '88 and Fall Semester '88. The committee will present its recommendations to the Dean and the full faculty will likely consider the matter early next fall.

The committee also indicates that the administration generally supports the idea of loan forgiveness. Currently, committee members include Dean Barron, Dean Potts, Dave Wolf, Becky Epstein, Professor Louise Zubrow, Professor Cheryl Block, and Professor Peter Raven-Hansen.

At the meeting establishing the committee held on March 11th, Dean Barron said that he intended to introduce the subject of loan forgiveness to the alumni at the annual Alumni Luncheon held this past Friday, March 18th. The intent of the presentation would be to generate funds for the program.

"We are satisfied that we received realistic and significant commitments to the project from the Deans," Wolf said.

students are adversely affected by the new conditions. "The bottom of the class at Harvard is not going to get hired," she says.

Other Career Placement Offices around town have not concurred with Ms. Alexander. Leslie McNaughton at American says that if anything jobs this year seem more available. She added that she sees a trend in which firms are hiring more first years. Dean Abby Thorner at Georgetown agreed with McNaughton. She has seen more employers make more offers than ever before.

Nevertheless, all agree that students without jobs at this time of the year might be beginning to be anxious.

According to Ms. Alexander there are several ways to combat anxiety and enhance job searching. First, she counsel that students reevaluate their job search goals and adjust their job search accordingly. She notes that students who aren't sure of what they want to do are having a harder time convincing the employer that they want to practice the particular type of law which is the specialty of that firm.

She adds that such hesitancy may not be apparent to the student. The best way to find out why a firm rejected you, she says, is to call the firm and ask.

And finally, she suggests that students consider work related to, but not specifically in the legal field. For some students, she says, "the legal environment isn't going to make them happy." Opting out of law is an alternative.

The bottom line is simple. Job searching is tough. As one student wrote, "Anybody can get a job if they work at it. Nothing is ever handed to you in law school or in life."

# Terzian and Kessler Lead GWUSA

by Ari Brose

The George Washington University Student Association (GWUSA) elections on February 24th recently convincingly determined that two undergraduate students, Raffi Terzian and Jon Kessler would lead the student body for the next year. Since law school programs receive some funding from GWUSA, the outlook and sensitivity of the new president and vice president to the problems of law students specifically and graduate students generally is critical.

Raffi Terzian, hailing from Philadelphia, PA, won the office of GWUSA president with an impressive 46% of the student electorate. Despite what most graduate students think, the Student Association is for all students in the University--and the new president is sensitive to the fact that graduate students, full and part-time, make up the greater part of the University population.

Terzian told *The Advocate* that "grad students [will be] a priority" in his administration. On his agenda is the scheduling of a monthly meeting with representatives from the various graduate students associations (Med School, MBA, SIA Grad School, and SBA) to find out what is happening in their communities.

Terzian spent some time during the campaign finding out the concerns of law school students, e.g., loan forgiveness and an honor code, and has since spoken with the Administration about the possibility of creating a campus-wide honor code (to supersede the one that operates ineffectively at present). The president-elect plans to continue the tradition of meeting weekly with the University President, and feels that this time will be an "excellent opportunity" for graduate students to have their feelings aired.

Raffi Terzian comes to the post of President with a wealth of experience behind him. This year he served in the visible role of VP of Student Affairs, coordinating "Town Meetings" with various members of the Administration, and serving as a link between the Student Senate and the Executive, though the relationship between the EVP and President this year was not conducive to productivity. Terzian was also the student chairman of the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students, a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate dealing with issues such as judicial policy and a university alcohol policy. Membership in other organizations, such as the Pre-Med Society, Student Orientation Staff, Phi Sigma Kappa and Mitchell Hall Council, as President, illustrate Terzian's philosophy that "the way to effect a change is by getting involved."

Terzian interest the Presidential office with realistic expectations, but with hopes for the future as well. Planning to keep his campaign promise "to open student government so that no concern goes unheard, so that students think they have a stake in the system," Raffi advocates an activist student government. He anticipates an activist administration led by University President-elect Trachtenberg, and wants to make sure that the university hears the concerns of the students.

"If we raise our voices loud enough," there is a chance the students will be heard, or at

least an awareness raised in the University, says Terzian. Realistically, he has worked with the University administration enough to know its limitations, but feels that "changes however small are still changes."

This president does not plan to cloister himself in his office during his tenure; he will actively seek out ideas from others, and prides himself on being open minded. He has the privilege of appointed a cabinet of Vice-Presidents, but he has expressed a willingness to go beyond cronyism, and to hand out tasks to those who are not appointed positions within the student government, if there is a job that needs to be done.

As GWUSA Executive, Terzian will have the power to distribute a substantial amount of funds in his won discretionary account--funds which will go to established programs, such as Homecoming and Student-Faculty Barbecues -- but he also plans to improve programs such as a special co-sponsorship fund that has floundered, and to institute new ones.

Terzian's enthusiasm for the University and the students he will represent is obvious, an enthusiasm that will no doubt continue when he attends GWU Medical School in 1989. His involvement in college so far has taught him much about the university, about how to work with people, and his given him a chance to learn about his own leadership style. He advocates "getting involved in an organization; for without a stake in the organization you have no way to solve problems."

This new president does not intend to sit on his laurels -- he takes a pragmatic approach to problems solving and is ready to institute change -- and do the best job he can.

Jon Kessler, a native of Miami, Florida, easily defeated the competition for the post of Executive Vice President of GWUSA. His new duties include presiding over the University Student Association Senate, a body he is familiar with, having served as its president pro tempore this year.

The job of EVP is mainly administrative, but Kessler sees at least two tasks which are his responsibility: one, to keep the Senate running smoothly by keeping communication lines open between Senators during meetings, and two, to insure that when the Senate does pass bills and resolutions that they are acted upon by the Executive branch -- that the Senate and Executive branches work as a team.

The lack of cooperation between the two branches was a big issue during the campaign, as many Senate bills and resolutions were overruled by the Executive during the Freedman administration and never followed through by the Executive's cabinet. Kessler plans to change all that, a task made easy by the election of his friends and running mate, Raffi Terzian: "I think that's important if the Senate is going to gain respectability."

Kessler echoes the campaign promise of the Terzian-Kessler ticket, stressing the opening up of the student government to make GWUSA accessible and a forum for all student concerns. His priority as EVP is to make the Senate run more professionally -- though he does concede that his predecessor started the job by making the Senate more

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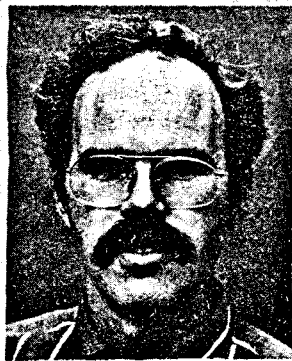
Together with the SBA, the Community Legal Clinics will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, March 23, 1988 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Clinics, located at the lower level of Stockton Hall. This is an opportunity for students to learn more about the school's excellent clinical program. All students are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Supervisory attorneys and students in the various Clinics will be on hand to answer questions about their programs.

The following is a list of the Clinics and what they do:  
**Administrative Advocacy Clinic;** Indigent and elderly clients who are pursuing their rights and benefits before various local and federal agencies may use the services of these Clinics. Students represent indigent people in cases concerning retirement and disability claims, unemployment compensation and public benefits, conservatorship,

draft pleadings, prepare cases for trial, conduct examinations of witnesses and argue cases under the close supervision of the Clinic attorneys. Many types of civil cases are handled (including landlord and tenant and small claims), as well as family matters and appeals. Prospective third year students who apply for the Clinic must submit a written application and be interviewed. For further information, contact Joan Strand and Deborah Barthel at 994-7463.

**Consumer Help Litigation Clinic** This Clinic provides representation to low income consumers in actions involving unfair or deceptive trade practices by local businesses. The Clinic is open exclusively to third-year students under the D.C. Court of Appeals student practice rule. Students are responsible for total case development and preparation, from investigation through trial. Student-attorneys interview clients and witnesses, conduct

**Consumer Help Mediation Clinic** Local consumers involved in disputes with area businesses use services provided by this Clinic. In the past Consumer HELP has been affiliated with television stations (Channels 4,5, and 9),



Paul Grussendorf

exposing major consumer protection stories some of which have been the basis of Emmy Awards. The Mediation Clinic is an alternative dispute resolution program that seeks to aid in the resolution of consumer problems without court action.

The Mediation Clinic is open to second and third-year students who act as "caseworkers." Students staff the Clinic's office, performing intake and working to help consumers and businesses

a wide variety of legal and informal financial counseling services including client interviewing, preparation of consumer bankruptcy petitions and Chapter 13 Wage Earner Plans, and negotiations of informal debt



Carol L. Izumi

reduction and consolidation agreements. All work is conducted under a staff attorney and the staff paralegals. The Clinic is open to both second and third year students. For further information, contact Nancy Davis at 994-7463.

## Immigration Clinic

Clinical work includes counseling and representation of clients at deportation in almost every area of immigration law. Third



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reach reasonable settlements to their disputes. Students develop and hone communication techniques in addition to learning substantive consumer law.

The Clinic may be taken for two or three credit hours. Four hours per week per credit is required, which includes a mandatory one-hour weekly seminar. There is a short paper requirement which may be satisfied in a number of ways. Students are supervised by third



Joan H. Strand

year students may represent clients at deportation and exclusion hearings and in federal court. The minimum level of work required for this Clinic is ten hours per week. Written application and permission of the instructor are required. Includes a weekly Clinic seminar. Immigration Law class is a prerequisite. For further information, contact Paul Grussendorf at 994-7463.

probate matters and landlord/tenant negotiations. Students enrolled in Administrative Advocacy may request placement with Advocates for Older People, which, as a part of Institute of Law and Aging, provides legal services to older D.C. residents. In addition, A.O.P. runs a Volunteer Income Tax Program in the spring semester. For further information, contact Steve Del Guidice, Alice Sullivan or Jackson Rose at 994-7463.

## Civil Litigation Clinic

Low-income clients needing representation in the D.C. Court system rely on the services provided by the Civil Litigation Clinic. The program is open only to third year students who must commit themselves to participating for both the fall and spring semesters. A minimum of twenty hours per week must be devoted to the course, for four graded credits will be received each term. Court-certified students are permitted to counsel clients,

fact investigations, prepare pleading, determine case strategy and engage in settlement negotiations, and argue cases under the supervision of the Clinic's staff attorney. A commitment of twenty hours per week is required in addition to mandatory attendance at a weekly two-hour seminar on substantive law and trial procedure. In addition to being certified to practice in the local federal and District of Columbia courts, students represent consumer before the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Administrative Law Judge.

Applications for the Consumer Litigation Clinic and court certification forms must be submitted in spring, 1987. Students must take the course for two semesters and receive four graded credits per semester. Interested students should contact supervising attorney Carol Izumi.



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year Student Directors and the supervising attorney, Carol Izumi. Interested students should contact the supervising attorney at 994-7463 with questions.

## Consumer Help Bankruptcy Clinic

This Clinic was established in 1978 by the Consumer Protection Center in conjunction with the D.C. Bar Foundation to provide assistance to low-income residents of the District of Columbia. Bankruptcy Clinic students handle



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## Small Business Clinic

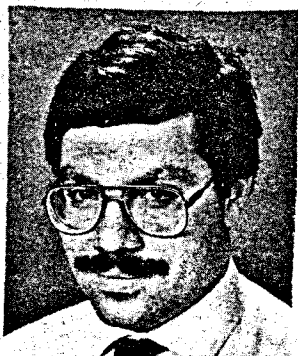
This Clinic is a joint venture of the United States Small Business Administration and the National Law Center. The Clinic's two primary goals are to assist local area entrepreneurs through the legal requirements of starting a new business and to give the students participation in the Clinic's extensive practical experience in interviewing clients, drafting legal documents, such as articles of incorporation,

bylaws, agreements and contracts, and providing basic tax and business counselling. Each student in the Clinic is given primary responsibility for a number of cases. That student, working in close coordination with the supervising attorney, will interview the client, conduct the necessary legal research and draft required documents. Once



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a week a two hour seminar is held to review specific areas of commercial law which are pertinent to the cases being handled by the Clinic. Periodically, guest speakers will address the seminar on their areas of expertise. The seminar is held on Thursdays between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Additionally, the students in the Clinic will periodically present the cases they are currently working on to



Daniel R. Gropper

the Clinic. This gives each student the experience of speaking before a group of their peers and allows the entire class to benefit from each student's experiences. The size of the class is limited to ten students and students are required to complete courses in corporations and federal income tax before taking the Clinic. The students in the Clinic have found that the practical nature of the course has helped them to gain a more



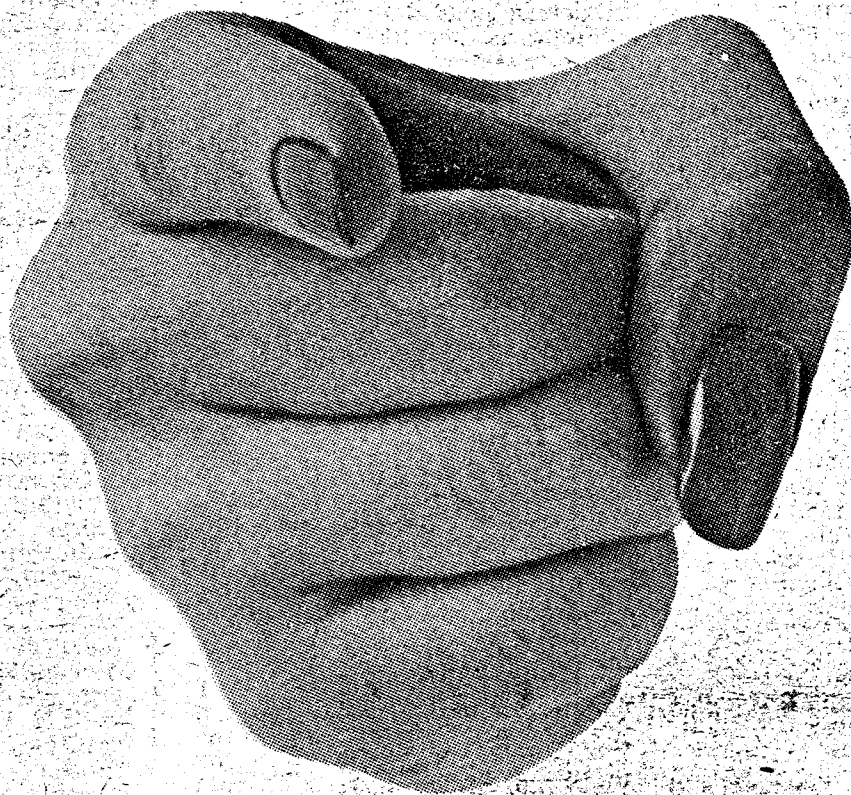
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in-depth understanding of the subjects taught in their formal commercial law classes. For additional information, please contact Dan Gropper at 994-7463. The Federal and Appellate Litigation Clinic

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# Title Update: WWF

by David B. Sharpe

Professional wrestling always holds surprises for viewers, hence its widespread popularity and the fact that wrestling is an Olympic sport. But the Special Edition of the World Wrestling Federation's Main Event a few Fridays ago held surprises no connoisseur would have imagined. In sum, reigning champion Hulk Hogan was allegedly defeated by the aged Andre the Giant in a hotly debated match. The Main Event's Main Question: With whom does the WWF World Heavyweight Title now lie? A straightforward analysis of the bizarre series of events that night in Indianapolis with basic property and conflicts principals allows several conclusions.

First, some factual background. Wrestling's highest accolade is the "Title." The Title's manifestation is the enormous belt the reigning holder wears. Ostensibly, the Title is personalty; in actuality, the Title is merely representative of real property--the domain of the Pro Wrestling world. Transfer of the Belt, then, is symbolic of the transfer of title. But who has the right to grant the Title away?

The Title is held in fee simple absolute by the president of the World Wrestling Federation, Jack Tunney. Tunney conveys a determinable life estate to the victor of each championship match. The life estate conveyed previous to the disputed match was of the form "to Hulk Hogan for life, so long as he remains the WWF heavyweight champion." Had the Hulkster legitimately lost to former Good Guy Andre, as challenger, the title would have automatically reverted to Tunney, who then, through a complex legal fiction, would automatically re-convey the title to the new champion. The match at mat was not so simple.

Andre the Giant supposedly won the match by pinning the Hulkster for a three-count Friday night after a bone-jarring bout. But several strange occurrences have called the lie of the Title

into question. First, because of some clever but illegal referee switching by Andre's new manager, Ted DiBiase (The Million Dollar Man), there is a genuine issue of material fact as to whether Andre actually won the match. Hogan claims the count was not met; the match was therefore improperly called and thus null and void, claims the Champ. Second, even if Andre did win, The Giant immediately attempted to convey the Title through transfer of the Belt to Ted DiBiase in an effort to crown the Million Dollar Man surrogate Champion. This transfer, as we shall see, carried with it serious questions of legality and propriety. But how will the true owner of the Title be determined?

First, assume that the match was not improperly called; that Andre really did pin Hulkster for the three count and thereby wrestled the WWF title away from the Champ. Hogan's estate was terminated through his failure to meet the condition in the deed, and the Title was immediately reconveyed as a determinable life estate to The Giant. Could Andre then make an immediate inter vivos transfer of the title (through livery of the Belt) to his manager, the Million Dollar Man? The answer lies in the resolution of a conflicts of law question.

If the common law rule is to apply, the transfer is legitimate, and DiBiase becomes the new WWF heavyweight champ. DiBiase would then have the determinable life estate, and thus the championship, until he lost to a successful challenger. Andre the Giant would in essence be no more than Andre the Strawman if the traditional rule were to apply. On the other hand, if the WWF local rules apply, the transfer is invalid, and the Title "vacates;" it neither remains in Andre, vests in Ted, or reverts to Tunney. In this instance, a tournament must be held to determine the new and proper champion. Since this sort of

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# The Hoops Report

by Kevin O'Hare

The old meteorological adage says "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." March is upon us in the intramural B league and the docile farm herbivores have already been separated from the kings of the hoop jungle. Playoff spots are nearly clinched and the championships of the divisions will most probably not be determined until the top squads face off in their final match-ups.

Gravamen III and Hawthorne Wingos, both clearly the class of the Massamimo division, are headed on a collision course towards their season finale match-up. The Wingos defeated Nudum Pactum by ten in their last contest. It was the same old story as James Barkley and Chris Smith paced the Wingos. Pete Haas, Captain Jon Opert and newcomer Mike McQuillen shone in supporting roles. Consistency has indeed been the Wingos hallmark as Howard "Keep the shoe tied and get a bag of ice" Sussner injured his ankle for the third time this season, and Steve "Airball" Kessler has been a stalwart from the charity stripe. "We hope to go undefeated in the conference and meet Wilbur in the playoffs" said Opert. When asked if there was any bad blood between the teams, Opert would not comment.

Gravamen III would like to foil Hawthorne Wingos dreams of glory. After blowing out the Indicators by twenty points, Captain Robert Cole declared "We're hitting the stretch drive. We'd like to go 5-0 and make the playoffs. We want to win the division." Andy Lankler put the last nail in the Indicator's coffin with a fifteen footer, and new addition Pete Orphanides made solid contributions. Gravamen is capable of capturing the Massamimo division crown. Cole believes he has a cohesive unit, disciplined and ready to win. "I have earned the respect of my players. They may not love me, but they respect me." Cole faces

Opert and the Wingos on March 27 in a game which will probably decide the conference's top team. Gravamen next plays the Schmos. "From what I hear", said Cole "their name is no accident".

Schmos. The Cinderella team of the league has stunned hoop experts by garnering a 2-1 record thus far. After a win against the troubled Alcaldes, captain Brian LaCorte termed the victory "A good day for the Law School and the Schmos". Craig Miller had an "outstanding game" with eight points, and bigman Brad Cave, Tim Daly and David Cho contributed key hoops and gutty defense in the hardfought contest. "The Schmos took particular pleasure in stepping on the Alcaldes like a roach" said the frothing at the mouth LaCorte moments before being sedated in the Moot Court Board office.

The question resonating in the halls of the NLC is "What has happened to the Alcaldes?". By all outward appearances, this teams veneer of morale has faded. Said Coach O'Hare "Two straight games we couldn't shoot, pass, play defense, or rebound. We have guys getting injured, skipping games and we even have one clown who missed a game because he went to a wedding in Mexico. The last game was the worst--we lost to the Schmos and my sister was watching from the stands!" The Alcaldes have dropped two straight to Gravamen and the hated Schmos. Assistant coach Brian Fleisher and Mike "give me another nickname and die" Schiavone are rumored to be ready to replace O'Hare at the helm before season's end. With Chris Curry belligerently collecting technical fouls, Howie Bierman deep in the doghouse, and team mascot Sandy Green occasionally missing games, the once proud Alcaldes appear to be on a voyage of the damned.

The bitter Arden-Greenberg feud in the Valvano division is still smoking. "We're on the high ground" said Learned Hand's guru Wayne "fearless leader" Arden

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# Tacky and Ti amo: Movie Reviews

by Christine McMahon

Before you spend your hard-earned or hard-borrowed cash on theatre excursions, consider the following reviews:

## HAIRSPRAY

Divine died last week. The obese transvestite, best known for starring roles in *Pink Flamingos* and *Polyester*, suffered a heart attack. But he will have another film to his credit, one that borders not on bad taste, but on periodic humor with a political bent.

In *Hairspray*, director John Warner focuses on the antics of teenage dance show stars of the 1960's. Divine's daughter, who despite her bulk has a talent for dancing the "Mashed Potatoes" and "Cha Cha," manages to steal the limelight from Debbie Harry's spoiled brat on "The Corny Collins Show." What transpires between the hefty but lovable ratted-haired teen from the wrong side of the tracks, and the platinum blonde with the overbearing stage parents (her father is Sonny Bono) is all beehive hairdos, poodle skirts, and bad-girl reputations.

The dancing and music in the film, set in Baltimore, send

viewers reeling back to the 1960's. Fortunately, Warner remains true to the times by incorporating the onslaught of the civil rights movement into the theme of the movie. Here, the issue is the integration of the local live dance show, freeing the blacks from their relegation to once-weekly appearances on the special Thursday Soul Nights.

Let you get the idea that this movie is progressive, take note: it is corny and, for some, the popcorn on sale at the theatre stand is all they need or want. But then again, Divine's death has prompted him to cult-level proportions, and this -- combined with the opportunity to see Pia Zadora play a beatnik -- may be enough to fill a few hours of "Twisting" and twisted fun.

## MOONSTRUCK

This film is about the inner-workings of ethnic families. The family here is New York City Italian -- Sicilian to be exact. I found the family-oriented humor especially touching, as my mother is a first-generation Italian. But anyone who has ever had contact with this type of close-knit clan can relate to the Castorini

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# Theft at the Theatre

by Christine McMahon

Last Tuesday I went to see *Hairspray* for this issue's movie review, accompanied by fellow NLC student Joanna McIntosh. We sat in the back of one of the theatres at the new Odeon Cineplex on Wisconsin Avenue. I do not normally carry a purse into the theatre, but this time I did. I regret it, believe me.

Halfway through the film, a man came in and sat in the row in front of us, to the left of Joanna and several seats away from me. He put his heavy down coat over his chair and slunk down. We had both dropped our purses on the floor beside our feet. The movie volume was unusually loud, but after becoming engrossed in Divine's antics, we got used to it. Just as Divine and her daughter were leaving the Hefty Women's Dress Shop, Joanna suddenly reached down, grabbed her purse and glared suspiciously at the man in front of us. He jumped up from the floor and mumbled, "I was just looking for something I dropped on the floor," grabbed his coat and left the theatre.

I was startled when Joanna noticed that the zipper on her bag had been opened. I picked up my purse and immediately

noticed that my wallet was missing. We ran out of the theatre, yelling that we had been robbed. A theatre usher hastened to call the police, but for naught: the lobby was empty, the thief had escaped.

The theatre manager told us that there had been several similar thefts at the newly opened cinema complex. The police officer who made the report concurred, as did the detective who called early the next morning to explain that they were experiencing a rash of these pickpockets. Unfortunately, I had to tell him that since it was dark, I was unable to give a thorough description of the thief.

The thief only turned a six dollar profit -- he paid for a movie ticket and I only had twelve dollars in the wallet. But it cost me a great deal more. It was a great inconvenience for me to get new identification and to have my bank accounts changed. Fortunately, I had no credit cards in the wallet.

The moral of my experience: Watch your belongings at all times, even in movie theatres. I feel I have been violated and also feel that nothing is sacred anymore. What is next, a thief at church?



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SBA Orientation

On the weekend of March 25th and 26th, the SBA is hosting the 3rd annual Pre-Orientation Program for all students who have been accepted to the NLC and are able to attend. The weekend, which will include a Friday evening reception, talks by various deans, professors and students, is hoped to increase the "capture ratio" for the law school. Over 100 students have already RSVP'd and more replies are arriving daily.

On schedule for the weekend is a time for students to meet with the various student groups at the NLC. On Saturday afternoon, starting at approximately 3:30, an informal rumor mill will be conducted. Kegs will be out on the patio as well.

It is hoped that every group will be there on Saturday to show the students how involved they are in making the environment of the law school one which is stimulating and fun.

Also, the SBA is still looking for volunteers interested in helping out during the weekend. They are encouraged to sign up on the SBA door.

## SIPLA Discusses

## Biotechnology

Mr. Charles E. Van Horn will be speaking on biotechnology and the current debate on the patentability of animals at the Student Intellectual Property Law Association (SIPLA) March meeting. Mr. Van Horn is Deputy Solicitor of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Elections for next years officers will also be held at the meeting. Candidates wishing to run for the offices of president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary should submit their intent in writing to the SIPLA box in the SBA office or to an officer. The submissions will be accepted up until the start of the meeting.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 29th, 1988 at 8 p.m. in room L301. All students and faculty of the National Law Center are invited to debate this pressing policy issue.

## International Law Society A Trip Hosts Symposium

The International Law Society and The Movimiento Legal Latino are planning a symposium on *The Economics of U.S.-Central American Diplomacy*. It will be held on Friday, April 8, 1988, in classroom LL101 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. A reception at Wolensky's will follow until 6:00 p.m.

There will be prominent speakers from academia, the State Department, the World Bank and possibly from Congress. A six member panel will give official viewpoints from their respected Central American countries. This panel will be composed of officials from the embassies of Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala. NLC Professor Harold Maier, formerly legal advisor to the U.S. Department of State will moderate.

The symposium is expected to be both thought provoking and enjoyable for all who attend.

You can earn university degree credit in Natural Science in July with San Jose State University's Field Studies in Natural History program in Hawaii. See animal, plant, bird, and geologic topics come alive while you explore the natural sights and habitats on four islands.

SJSU faculty accompany the trip, which includes roundtrip transportation and lodging, all transfers and other incidental expenses for a fee of \$2195 per person, including tuition for 3 semester units. Meals and other expenses are the responsibility of each individual.

Depart San Francisco July 10 and return there July 28 (optional return may be arranged if you wish to remain in Hawaii longer).

For a free brochure outlining the itinerary and providing complete information call (408) 924-2625 or write: Field Studies in Natural History, Hawaii 1988, Office of Continuing Education, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192-0135. Any adult may participate. You do not have to be an SJSU student, nor do you have to formally apply for admission for the regular university to participate.

Other summer programs for credit are available, too, including Trinity Alps, Grand Canyon River Rafting, and--in 1989--Alaska!

## ACLU Chapter

ACLU WANTS YOU. The American Civil Liberties Union is interested in starting a G.W. chapter, which will focus on current civil rights work, including students rights. All interested students and faculty should call Anne Olesen, Assistant Legal Director, 457-0800.

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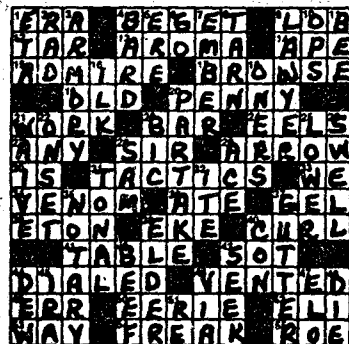
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## WWF (Cont'd)

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conflict is typically resolved in favor of self-determination for the extremely large people involved in the sport, the local rule will most likely apply. Thus, if the WWF Executive Committee finds that the match was properly decided, a tournament will be held to determine the new WWF Champ.

The problem is much easier to resolve if the Committee finds that Hulk Hogan was cheated out of his title by subversive plastic surgery tactics promulgated by the unscrupulous Million Dollar Man. Since the match was a fraud, the condition of the estate was not met, and Hulkster will keep the Title and the Belt until a real challenger can dethrone him. The Committee, as finders of fact, will have to make that call.

This expose and analysis is provided to purport that professional wrestling, unlike the farce some claim it to be, is actually a real-world sport with real-world legal problems. New twists develop each match in this sport ad seriatim. Good thing bowling isn't this complicated.

## Movies (Cont'd)

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family. They love, eat and argue with gusto.

The moon plays a central role.

Cher's father apparently fell in love with her mother under an unusually large full moon; hence, the relatives have dubbed the orb, "Cosmo's Moon." "Cosmo's Moon" makes a return appearance over New York City, this time in honor of Cosmo's daughter (Cher), and her fiancé's brother (Nicolas Cage). This is perhaps Cher's finest performance. Overnight, she is transformed from a tough-talking, smooth-walking, cynical widow who has given up on love, into a sentimental, gorgeous creature -- all at the wooden hand of Nicolas Cage. Cage, best known for his hilarious performance as "Hi" in *Raising Arizona*, steals the show with his dark good looks and passionate love for the opera, which is equalled only by his passion for Cher.

Though following the courtship of these two is delightful, director Norman Jewison adds a subplot of an extra-marital affair which threatens the marriage of Cher's parents, played by Vincent Gardenia and Olympia Dukakis. Dukakis' performance is likely to win entertainment praises rivalling those currently being sung for her political cousin, Michael.

This is a "must see" film if you are in the mood for feeling good. Though no one was certain why the Castorinis insisted on dropping sugar cubes into their champagne, everyone leaving the theatre fully understood what "Ti amo" meant.

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# Overdue

by Peter Most

Dear Grandpa,

I apologize for the untimeliness of this letter. I realize it is quite late, as well as long overdue. But I've been busy, what with law school and this paper I'm busy writing. I know you understand.

I went to your funeral on Friday, up in New York. I guess Nana didn't want you to be buried in Florida, though I'm not sure why. Personally, I've never liked Florida much myself. Oh, well, anyway, the funeral was well-attended. There was a simple gravesite service, and a party back at Uncle Harvey's house afterward. I wish you could have been there--you could have told that joke (again!) about how it seems unfair that they throw a party in your favor on the one day they know you can't attend.

## To Say the Least

Pa, I'm feeling pretty low right now. I could have called more than I did. I could have written more than I did. I could have visited more than I did. I could have, I could have, I could have, I could have... but I didn't!

I'm sure you've noticed that since coming to law school I've stopped doing the little, thoughtful things which were once commonplace. The note, the call and the visit of yesterday have been replaced with the arrogance of law school.

Pa, I stopped exhibiting the signs of love and humanity because I could -- I had the ultimate excuse: "Sorry about not caring, but I've been so busy with... You always gave that understanding shrug, but I knew you were hurt nevertheless. I chose to ignore the shrug and your pain--law school teaches us not to flinch at other's pain.

I kept telling you, "As soon as I'm out of school, we can [fill in the blank]." Well, now there's no time. The only visits we'll have from now on will be during visiting hours at the cemetery.

Obviously my guilt is self-induced, but what amazes me is that it took so long for me to recognize it. I wish someone had pulled me aside and simply said, "Peter, start acting like a human being again." I'm sure I wouldn't have listened, but that's beside the point.

Pa, I really fear that the excuses aren't going to stop with law school. You know, this profession prides itself on long hours. If I keep this up I'll be wed to my desk and have kids who won't recognize their "father." This really isn't what I want. I want success, but not if it means I can't do the little things that use to mean so much to me.

Pa, maybe your untimely death was more timely than everyone said. At least I recognize how I had strayed from the path of decency that you had told me about. I'll change--and I mean it. I hope it's not too late.

Don't worry about Nana. We both know how strong she is, and, besides, I'll talk to her often.

I love you dearly, Pa. And you'll be in my thoughts always.

# Who Knows and Who Cares?

by David Koman

Did everybody check out the Law Revue? From the grapevine, it appears that everyone that attended the show and all those who participated in it thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The parties afterward were incredible. I never knew there were so many people who attended the NLC! Plus its always fun to see a few professors drunk every now and then.

## The Bottom Line

Last weekend was another Law Review, but not as fun. Last weekend was the real thing--writing competition. You know when you come around to it, a 1L's life is the real pits. After struggling through Moot Court, and I mean struggling, and trying to get a job, ha ha, not to mention trying to figure out the intricacies of Landlord/Tenant law, the 1L is not even allowed a full Spring Break! I suppose Spring Break is the best time to have the competition but gee, it sure puts a damper on one's R&R.

Lets talk about getting a summer job, one that pays. I know legal jobs are scarce but gosh this is ridiculous. All I get is rejection letters. In fact some of them are so good I have to share them. Usually they start out saying something like "Your accomplishments are exemplary," or "We are thoroughly impressed with your achievements," and then they hit you with "But there are so many more qualified individuals," or "We have already made our summer selections." Oh well, I guess its a day job at Bob's Big Boy and the graveyard shift doing security for K-Mart. Oh, and another thing, have you ever noticed that while at law school the professors write smaller on the blackboard than any teacher you've ever had before? Many students have told me that they had to get glasses since coming to law school. I wonder if the NLC has some sort of deal with Pearl Vision.

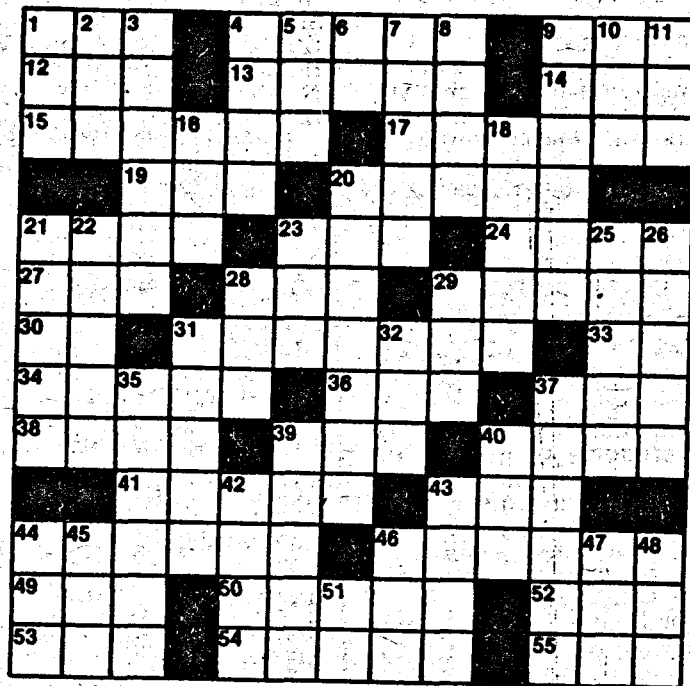
I was going to stop but Pete the Editor said write some more. So, doesn't dating in law school suck? I just talked to a first year girl, oops, Sally the other Editor said I have to say woman. Anyway this chick just broke up with her first year boyfriend. She told me that she's going to miss his tape collection more than she's going to miss him.

What's going on?

First of all, dating someone in your own section is taboo. What you need to do is get away from law school. Go to Georgetown, go to Alexandria, even go to Fairfax, if that doesn't work ask your friend who's engaged or married to find out if his/her partner has any friends. If all else doesn't work there's still Mr. Beam or Johnny Walker to drown your sorrows. But if ALL else falls go to the Exchange and pick up an undergraduate. Who Knows and Who Cares?

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## ACROSS

1. Epoch
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12. Pave
13. Odor
14. Mock
15. Adore
17. Scan
19. Aged
20. Cent
21. Chore
23. Ban
24. Moray (pl.)
27. Some

28. Mister
29. Pointed missile
30. Verb (form of be)
31. Plan (pl.)
33. Plural of I
34. Poison
36. Eat (p.t.)
37. Jelly
38. Coat
39. Squeeze
40. Twist
41. Desk
43. Drunk
44. Tune in (p.t.)
46. Alfred
49. Mistake
50. Scary
52. Yale
53. Course
54. Oddity
55. Fish eggs


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1. 7th Letter, Greek Alphabet
2. Frightened (Early Eng.)
3. Military Depot
4. Poet
5. Before
6. Depart
7. Ash
8. Lake
9. Attorney
10. Ceres mother (Gr.)
11. Drove
16. Type, Sort
18. Burden
20. Indulge
21. Code
22. Origin
23. Lighter

25. Cut back
26. Bloat
28. Spade
29. High card
31. Relation between tones on scale
32. Inhabitant (suf.)
35. Certifier
37. Ditch
39. Senior
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process contingent on faculty approval.

Johnson expressed his thanks to all Journal staff members and says he will be "very bored for the next two months." Stuart Irvin, the new Editor-in-Chief, admits he has "big shoes to fill. It will be tough to match the accomplishments of the previous board."

His goals for the following year include getting the Research Guide published in a format "similar to the Harvard Blue Book" to increase its use and availability, and to continue soliciting well-written, interesting articles for upcoming issues. He hopes that, under his leadership, membership on the Journal will provide a "rewarding experience for incoming staff members."

The Law Review, too, is looking forward to a new year with new leadership. Selected to the Editorial Board were: Vicki J. Larson (Editor-in-Chief), Jonathan E. Ladd (Senior Managing Editor), Meredith A. Parnell (Senior Articles Editor), Jennifer A. Cohen (Senior Notes Editor), Tamara H. Lesh, Michael C. Liebman and Cletus M. Weber (Managing Editors), Michele Adelman, Joni Lupovitz, and Amy L. Seigel (Articles Editors), Barry Conaty, Jordan S. Fried, Candida F. Perotti and Bruce M. Sabados (Notes Editors), Gary W. Herschman (Project Editor/D.C. Circuit), Terry Jane Lavi (Circuit/D.C. Circuit) and Mark W. Laurdesch (Book Review and Articles Editor).

Outgoing Editor-in-Chief Keith Beauchamp called the past year an "interesting" one. "The diversity plan made things exciting for awhile and we got caught up quite a bit," Beauchamp noted that it should be an interesting year for the new board working with a new Dean. Although he is glad to be done, Beauchamp said he would "do it again in a minute."

New Editor-in-Chief Vicki Larson hopes to "continue what the current board started. We are caught up now." She sighted the Constitutional Law Symposium as a highlight of the year and hopes to continue that level of work during her tenure as Editor.

## Moot Court (Cont'd)

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The entire NLC Jessup team did a wonderful job in preparation for the competition. They put up a tough fight against Georgetown, and their dedication and preparation bode well for the future success of the team.

## STLA Competition Results

In other moot court news, congratulations go out to the NLC trial team for their performance in the National Student Trial Advocacy Competition held March 4th-6th.

The trial team members were Brian LaCorte, Teresa Antonacci, Clifford Brown and Lori Parker. LaCorte and Antonacci handled the competition well beating law school teams from Fordham, Howard, Delaware and American in consecutive rounds.

Special recognition goes to Brown and Parker for their outstanding presence on the witness stand. Both withstood extensive cross-examination frustrating the student attorneys on the competing teams.

Judges from the D.C. Superior Court presided over the trials and repeatedly complimented LaCorte and Antonacci on their opening and closing statements as well as their examination of witnesses. "We never could have

come this far without the excellent performance of Cliff Brown and Lori Parker as witnesses. We definitely had an advantage having them on our team," said Brian LaCorte.

"We were also fortunate to have the guidance of two superior coaches, Professor Eric Sirulnik and Jackson Rose," said LaCorte. Jackson Rose, an Instructor of Clinical Law at the NLC, guided last year's team to the national finals.

LaCorte, Antonacci, Parker and Brown now move on to the national finals in D.C. in April. The regional round of the competition was hosted here at the NLC by the Student Trial Lawyers Association. Ellis Peetluk, vice president of the S.T.L.A., acted as chairman of the competition. The visiting teams commented that the competition was extremely well planned and executed. One team commented that they hoped never to see the G.W. team again in court. Way to go Brian, Teresa, Cliff and Lori!

## Computer (Cont'd)

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back in keeping up with their publication schedules, as a result of the crash.

Miller suggests that system users protect themselves against a future similar occurrence by saving documents, exiting the system, and then re-entering the system periodically. The computer work stations which, for example, are found in the Law Review/Journal suites, do not save work independently of the hard drive. When a user saves without exiting the system, the computers store the information at the work stations. That information is only sent to the hard drive when the user exits the system completely. Therefore, if you save your work repeatedly but do not exit the system until you have completed your document, and the system fails before you finally exit, all of your edits that are stored at the work station are lost.

So keep in mind Mr. Miller's advice.

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material.

1. Take down Bob Dole and Dick Gephardt signs.

## Potty (Cont'd)

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size. Since at least two urinals can usually be put in the floor space required for each toilet stall, men's restrooms frequently have a greater total number of facilities than women's.

In addition, it usually requires less time to use a urinal than a toilet. Thus, even providing an equal number of facilities, rather than simply equal floor space, would still result in considerably longer waits for women's restrooms if demand is comparable. As Delegate Rollison put it, current practices don't take into consideration how much the use of urinals speeds things up.

Providing equal access -- i.e., permitting women to use men's rest rooms when their own lines are too long -- is also only a partial solution. If the smaller number of toilets in the men's room are in use, women may still be forced to stand in line while men are free to use the quicker-turnover urinals. Moreover, although this makeshift solution is occasionally used in places like the Capital Center, many women and some men probably would find it objectionable on grounds of privacy.

Thus, to provide equality of results, more than equal space, equal access, or even an equal number of facilities may be required. In other words, if women are not to be forced to endure waits much longer than men during intermissions at theatres, for example, it would seem women's rooms may have to be far larger than men's rooms, and have a number of toilets substantially higher than the total of toilets and urinals in the men's room.

## Unfair Discrimination?

Does a failure to provide such additional space and a larger number of facilities constitute unfair discrimination, and possibly a denial of "Equal Protection?" Perhaps one approach to the problem is to find out how much of the extra restroom time is an unavoidable biological imperative (i.e., based upon immutable characteristics, or specific to only one gender, like pregnancy), and how much is due to factors over which women have control, and therefore can be said to be responsible for their own problem -- i.e., nature v. nurture.

Fortunately, two scholarly studies at Virginia Tech have shed some light on the question men always seem to ask women, "What took you so long in there?" The first was a doctoral dissertation by Sandra Rawls about "patterns of behavior in the use of male-female restrooms." The second is a funded study being conducted by Prof. Savannah Day to learn what people do in public restrooms.

According to her study, women frequently spend twice as long as men using the restroom. They attribute their longer stays in part to having more clothes to manipulate, having children with them, or taking time to comb hair, adjust makeup, smoke, or

just talk. But since none of these are immutable sex-based characteristics, it may seem unfair to discriminate against men by providing them with smaller restrooms with fewer overall facilities simply because many women want to talk, primp, smoke, etc. in restrooms.

## Stand Up for Rights?

In addition, meticulous scientific studies have demonstrated that a woman can urinate standing up, probably as well as a man, provided that she tilts her pelvis. Moreover, there are devices called urinettes which permit women "the same speed and convenience that urinals offer to men" provided that these facilities -- like urinals -- "are placed in open banks along a wall." Thus, although zippered flies do not give women quite the freedom to urinate that men have, women wearing short skirts without unnecessary undergarments could use these devices, and thereby achieve the same efficiency and time savings during urination as men.

Urinettes have not been widely used, however, because of "the privacy needs most women feel in this respect." But, if men are willing to surrender a certain amount of privacy by standing almost cheek-to-cheek with other men while urinating, why shouldn't women who desire the same efficiency of operation -- i.e., equality of results in terms of waiting time -- likewise be asked to make a small sacrifice in privacy?

In summary, it can be argued that virtually all of the delays women experience and cause in using restrooms are attributable to voluntary choices, and not to immutable differences in male and female anatomy. Women could substantially speed up their

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restroom lines simply by taking less time talking, primping, and smoking while others are waiting. By wearing clothing such as miniskirts which are not only comfortable but also fashionable, and by using urinettes placed in open banks along a wall as in a male restroom, women arguably have a means to achieve equality with men by simply doing as men do: letting it all hang out. Until they are willing to do so, maybe pleas for laws mandating larger restrooms for women than for men should be flushed!

## Amnesty (Cont'd)

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court case involving human rights violations abroad, refugees in the United States, and the death penalty in America. The Legal Support Network is currently working as *amicus* in *Rappaport v. Suarez-Mason*, which arises from human rights violations of Argentina's Dirty War of the 1970's and early 1980's, when the military government executed, imprisoned, and tortured massive numbers of government opponents, real and suspected.

Professor Steinhardt said anonymity is the real breeding ground for human rights violations and that exposure of governments' human rights violations is one of the most powerful weapons for improving human rights. He said Amnesty International is one of the world's most effective human rights mechanisms, because it collects and disseminates a tremendous volume of reliable information on human rights violations, it conducts highly effective letter-writing campaign, and it is private and completely non-partisan.

## Human Rights NOW!

In celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Amnesty International has started its nine-month Human Rights NOW! campaign. The campaign seeks over one million signatures worldwide on a petition urging all governments to adhere to the Declaration and to the international human rights treaties that have followed it. The petition will be delivered to the United Nations General Assembly on International Human Rights Day in December. To collect this many petition signatures, Amnesty needs the help of many Amnesty members and non-members in circulating the petition. Anyone willing to help circulate the petition should call Jon Katz at 785-2562 or Mary Witt at 338-2930.

## GWUSA (Cont'd)

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visible on campus through publicity of meetings and by putting through legitimate bills and resolutions to address student concerns.

Kessler's goal is to come up with a consensus opinion on many of the issues that come before the Senate, so that it can present one message to the Administration -- something that he believes will increase the stature of the legislative body in the eyes of the students and university administration-- especially the new University President.

Asked about his priorities for graduate students, Kessler is realistic about his position and his ability to accomplish tasks. He sees his role as that of a facilitator and advisor; as one with much experience with the University Administration, he

knows the ins and outs of dealing with the various deans and offices in Rice Hall and is ready and willing to offer suggestions to graduate groups who have projects and concerns.

A prolific writer on most campus publications (and even published in this august newspaper), Jon Kessler also serves as Speaker Chair for the College Democrats, programming speakers from the Hill for the campus organizations, and broadcasts a weekly radio show on campus station WRGW.

## Drugs (Cont'd)

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foolishness, and falsehood. It stands as an honest response which addresses the most pressing concerns created by the drug problem. The only possible solution which is in the best interests of all Americans is the legalization of all restricted substances.

First: the result of such a policy on drug use in this country overall. No good evidence, or even poor evidence, for that matter, has ever been presented to this writer to suggest that legalization would lead to an increase in consumption on any scale. Certainly logic does not dictate such a result. Drug doomsayers could hardly complain that the availability of drugs will increase; it is difficult to imagine how drugs could be any more available than they claim them to be now.

Second: the result of such a policy on law enforcement. It is obvious that freed from having to enforce drug laws, the monies and energies of law enforcement agencies could be redirected to other areas of pressing concern. Of the utmost importance, though, is the effect legalization would have on street crime. The situation right now is bad and getting worse as rival drug gangs shoot it out on the streets with a host of armaments and an unrivaled brutality. The violence of drug marketers is truly appalling. The fact that even young children carry weapons shows clearly that this drug related warfare has gone far enough.

Rival drug gangs do not engage in armed conflict because their minds are crazed by drug use. No, their minds are crazed by old-fashioned greed. It is not the drugs, but the money those drugs represent that is at the source of all the killing. Legalization will instantly remove this element from our streets as the industry becomes legitimate. The random bloodshed created by criminalization is the most vile and repugnant aspect of drug use in this country and short of an all out civil war on our streets legalization is the only way to stop the violence.

Third: the result of such a policy on the economy. The most conservative official estimates reveal the drug industry to be a billion-dollar a year business. All of it completely outside the American economy, untaxed and unregulated. The boon to American industries after legalization would be substantial. It would also bring a veritable tax windfall to the federal, state, and local governments. This, when coupled with the funds saved by the elimination of such authorities as the Drug Enforcement Agency and the relief to court dockets and time and the lessening of the burdens drug enforcement places on our penal system, represents a substantial taxpayer savings.

These benefits of the legalization of restricted substances are not fanciful conjectures, but

obvious end results. There are those who will claim such measures represent a moral abdication on the part of lawmakers. Yet please remember that the law is not a tool for moral enforcement. To make a certain behavior or activity legal is not to condone them in the eyes of society. The moral reasons many may find to make drug use abhorrent will still be available through the sources from which such views are properly derived, namely our families, churches, and cultures. The law should never be used, as it seems to be now, as a bulwark for when these other institutions fail.

In conclusion, let me acknowledge the more obvious detractions from what I propose. My approach has been pragmatic and it admittedly fails to deal with all aspects of the issue. In legalizing drugs and their use there is still the dilemma of addicts, broken homes, drug-related deaths through overdose and accident, and absenteeism.

These are all important and costly concerns. But any true cure for these ills will be as effective whether substances are restricted or not. When Nancy Reagan suggests that even the occasional drug user is an accessory to murder, the hypocrisy of her statement lies in that those who criminalize drug use are equally to blame for the creation of the present situation and so, too, is blood on their hands. I challenge the reader to find any hypocrisy in my position whatsoever and look forward to all replies to my argument.

## Hoops (Cont'd)

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"we won't lower ourselves to their (Wilbur's) level". The Hands mashed the Couch Potatoes by fourteen points, with Ken Gelfarb tossing fifteen in the hoop. The "Bruise Bros." of the squad, Bob Goulder and Ron Gahagan, dominated the boards. Gahagan, called "Animal" by Arden has a penchant for diving into donnybrooks. "If he's pushed he'll push back" said the captain. "Tenaciousness. That's it. When we play against Wilbur, I hope he plays the same. He won't be intimidated".

Interviewing Wilbur's Cliff Greenberg this week was about as much fun as going to a intramural board rule reading meeting. The normally voluble leader followed the example of sports heroes Steve Carlton and Jim Rice and refused to speak with this reporter. When asked if his squad won last week, Greenberg eloquently replied, "Yes". His only polysyllabic utterance aside from "I'm not talking to you" or "I have nothing to say" was "Everyone on the team played equally well, but Dave (Wecht) and Ralph (DiPietro) did especially well." This reporter fully expects Greenberg to show up to this week's game with Iran-Contra fifth amendment whiz Brendan Sullivan in tow.

If the B league's got you down, cheer up. One of the premier A league squads are the NLC's own Starlight Champions. Captained by Scott "I came this close" Miller, the team sounds more like an Andrew Lloyd Webber extravaganza than a hoop power, but the team is undefeated with a 5-0 record. The cast includes guards J.J. "Sonar" Hearn, Mark "You Lrk Me" Sampson, Mike "The Taunter" Nemeroff, forwards Iain Paige, Stuart Nash, Miller and a med student center called only "George". The champions are crushing their opponents as the mercy rule has been applied in

their favor - three times this season. The towering front line is the key to this squad," said Miller, with Paige and the mysterious George often dominating in the paint. "We hope to make it to the finals. We're a tough team and I think we have a good shot."

Miller, Sampson, Nash and Paige will be playing in the Finals of the Mid-Atlantic region Schick Super Hoops 3 on 3 Tourney on March 24, 1988 at the Capital Centre during the half of the Bullets-Hawks game. This fearsome foursome emerged victorious from a field of thirty-three squads of mortals. The Advocate urges all NLC hoop junkies to converge on Landover Thursday night to get their roundball fix while cheering on our own. If this quartet wins, look for Miller to get on the PA and regale the crowd with his impersonation of Professor Romero.

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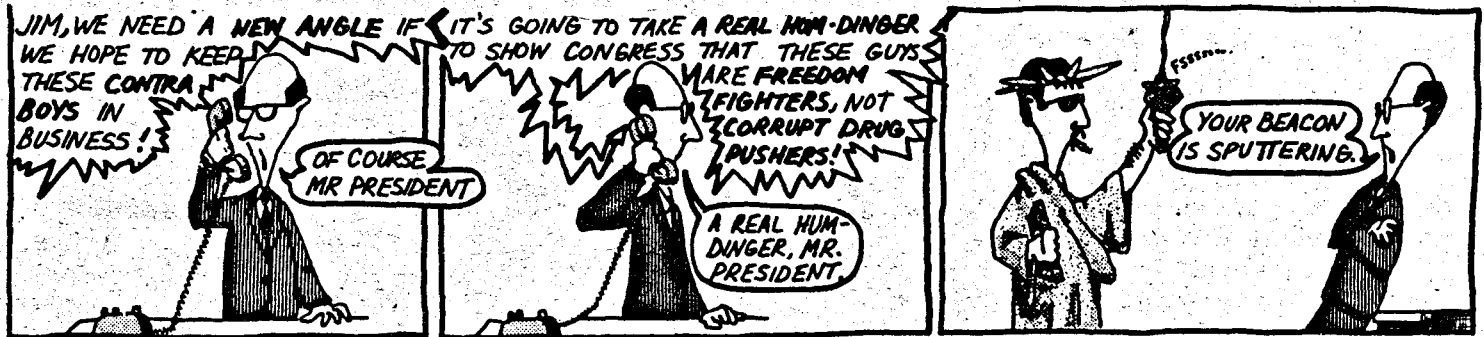
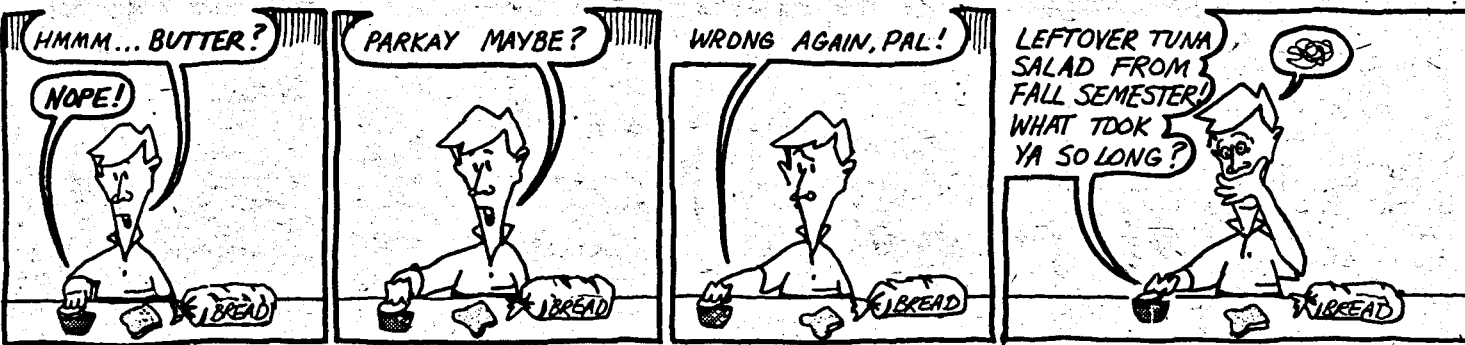
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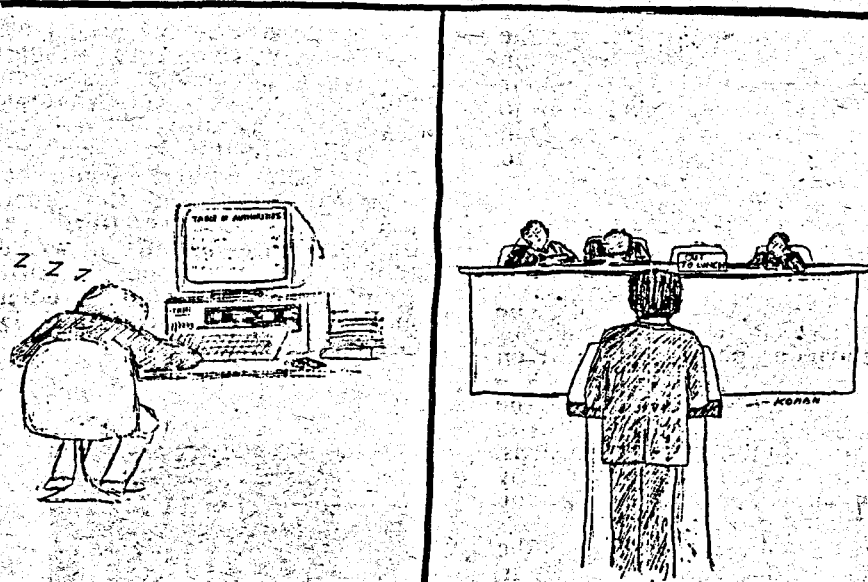
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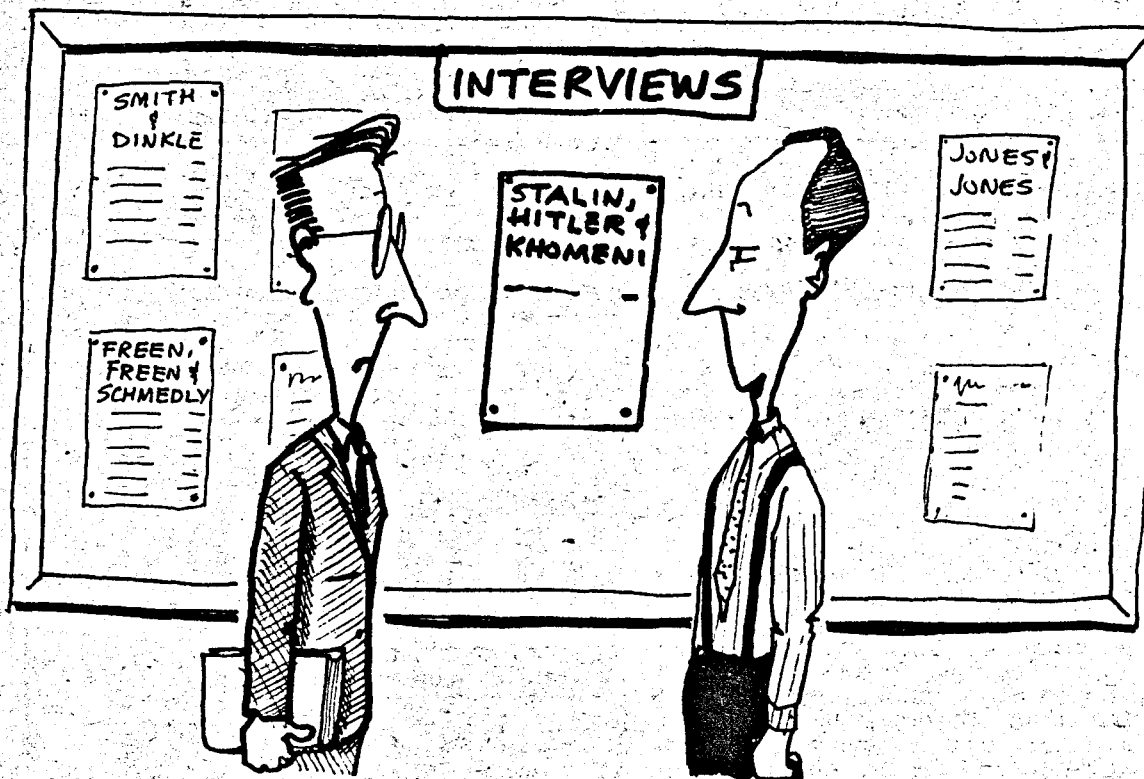


## TOP TEN

From the Talk Show Division of the Home Office in Danvers, Massachusetts, comes the Morton Downey Jr. Top Ten Insults, Epithets and Threats about Professor John Banzhaff III. [Ed. Note: See accompanying story on page 4.]

10. "The Guy with the big mouth and the small brain."
9. "That horny professor."
8. "You haven't done squat Banzhaff!"
7. "I could part my brain in half and be smarter than him."

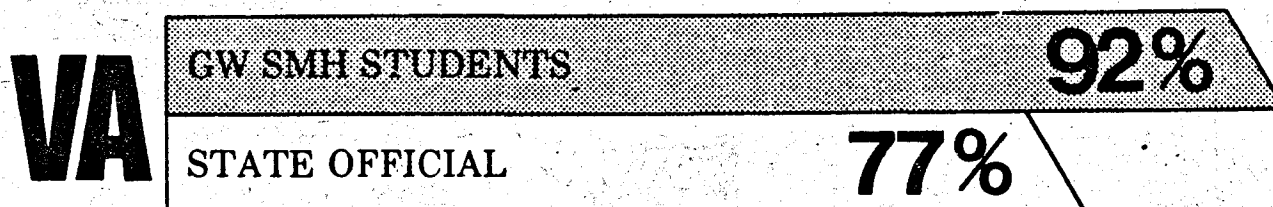
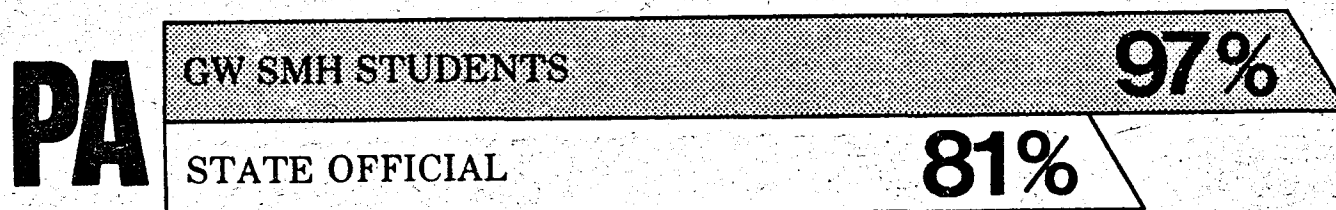
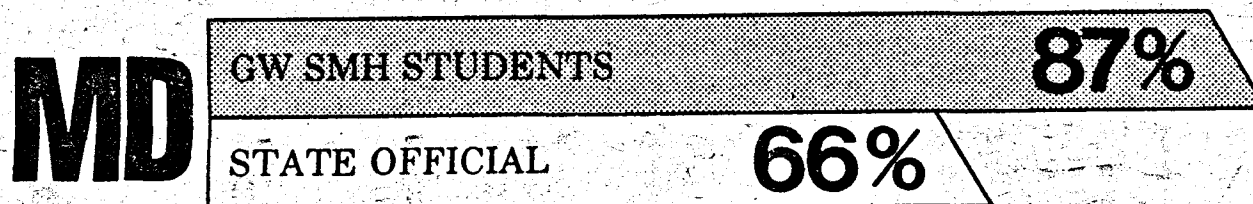
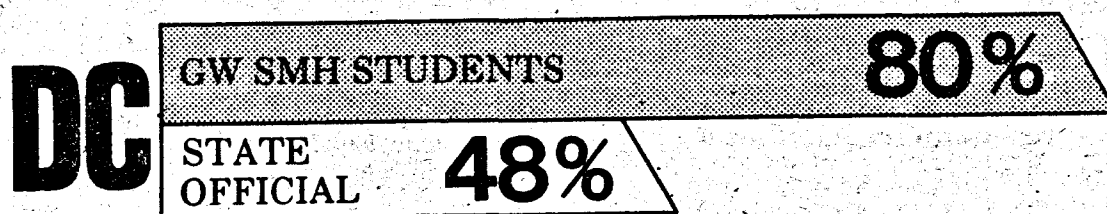
6. "Hey, Flesh Face."
5. "Zip it! You're not in your classroom."
4. "Hey, Fatmouth, I don't back down from nothing [sic], especially [bleep] that's piled that high."
3. "Don't be afraid of a blustering boob like this," said to Professor Van der Haas.
2. TIE  
"Shut up [bleep] breath."  
"You're not even a good lawyer."
1. "You Columbia grads [are] a bunch of weak kneed, lily livered Pabulum pukers."



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